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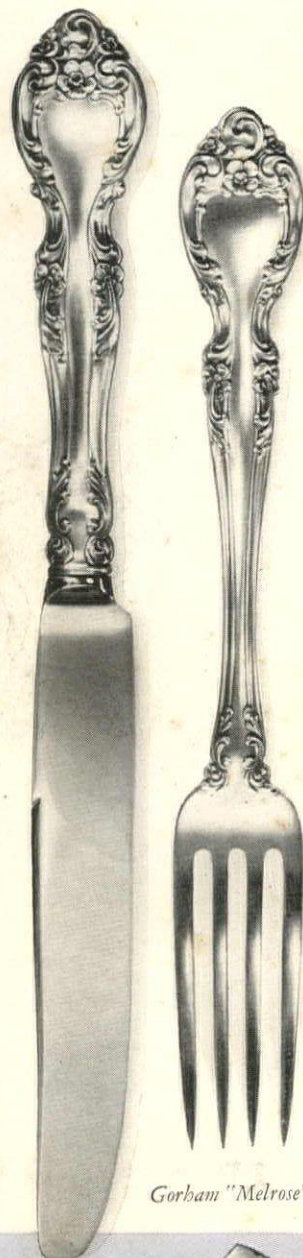
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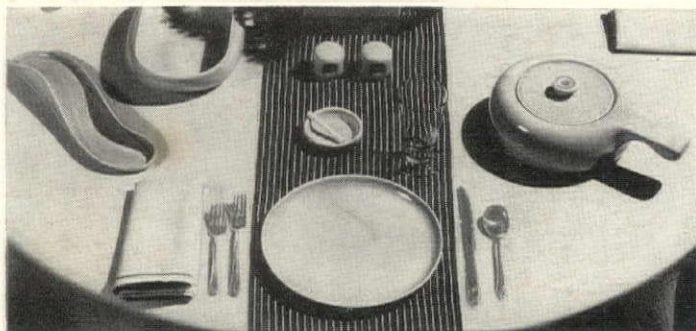
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ROSS PARMENTER

H. HAROLD HUME has filled his life with gardening: as a writer, his latest book, *Camellias in America* (McFarland) and his article, pages 98-99; as an educator, Dean Emeritus of Florida College of Agriculture, as a researcher, lecturer and past president of the America Camellia Society. MARGUERITE G. MCCARTHY, an upstate New Yorker, started cooking as a small child in her aunt's kitchen and has been at it ever since (see page 85). Her first book, *The Cook is in the Parlor*, was followed at the end of 1949 by *Aunt Ella's Cookbook* (both published by Little, Brown). HELEN VAN PELT WILSON began gardening at about the same age Mrs. McCarthy began cooking; her first memory is of planting sweet peas to bloom beside the house. Although her many books are varied as to subject, her latest, for M. Barrows, is on African violets, like her article, p. 97. ROSS PARMENTER is a musical journalist (*New York Times*) with a taste for sketching. A plant he found in a rented apartment inspired one of the most heart-warming garden books ever written. To it he adds a delightful sequel on page 97. Mexico, music and plants are his great enthusiasms. ON THE COVER: Kitchen bay inspired by the Carl Deterings' kitchen (page 90), Thermador electric cooking unit; chair from Drexel's new pine group; clothes by Clare Potter; pewter, Julia E. Kuttner; flowers, Colorado Carnations. Shopping data is on page 109. Photograph by Herbert Matter.

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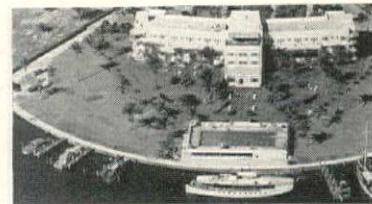
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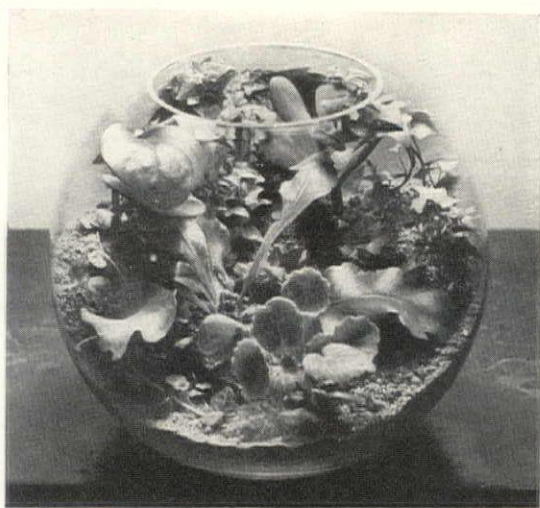
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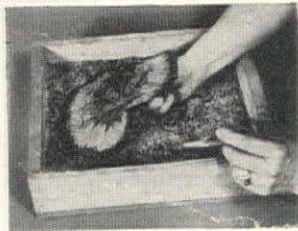
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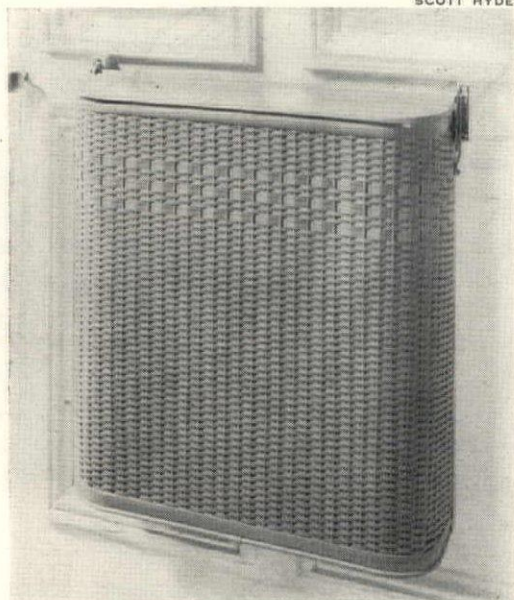
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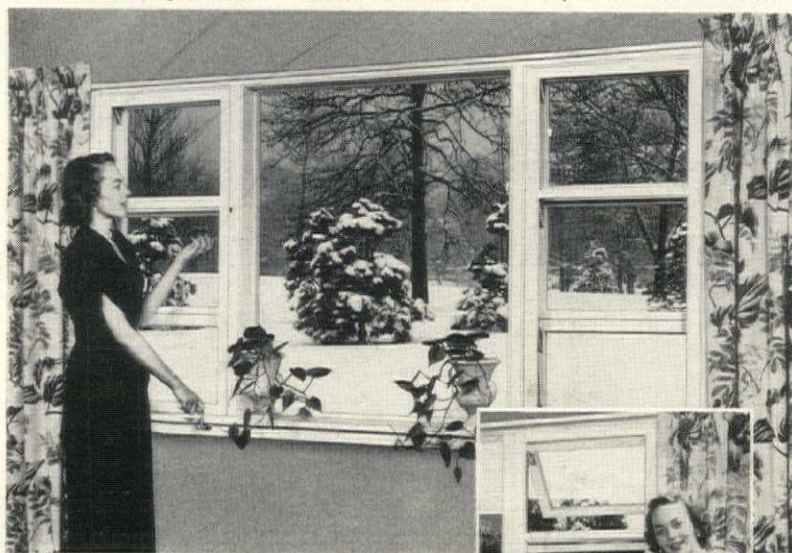


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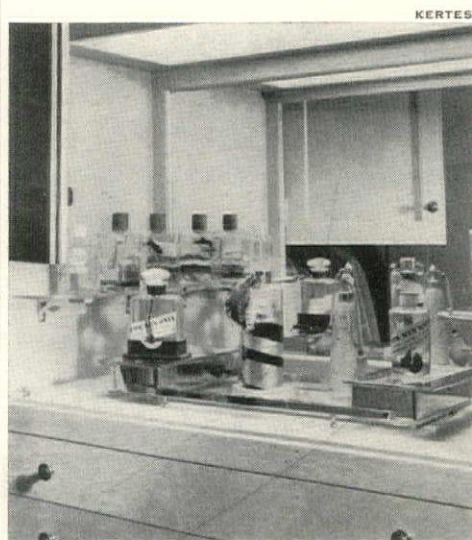
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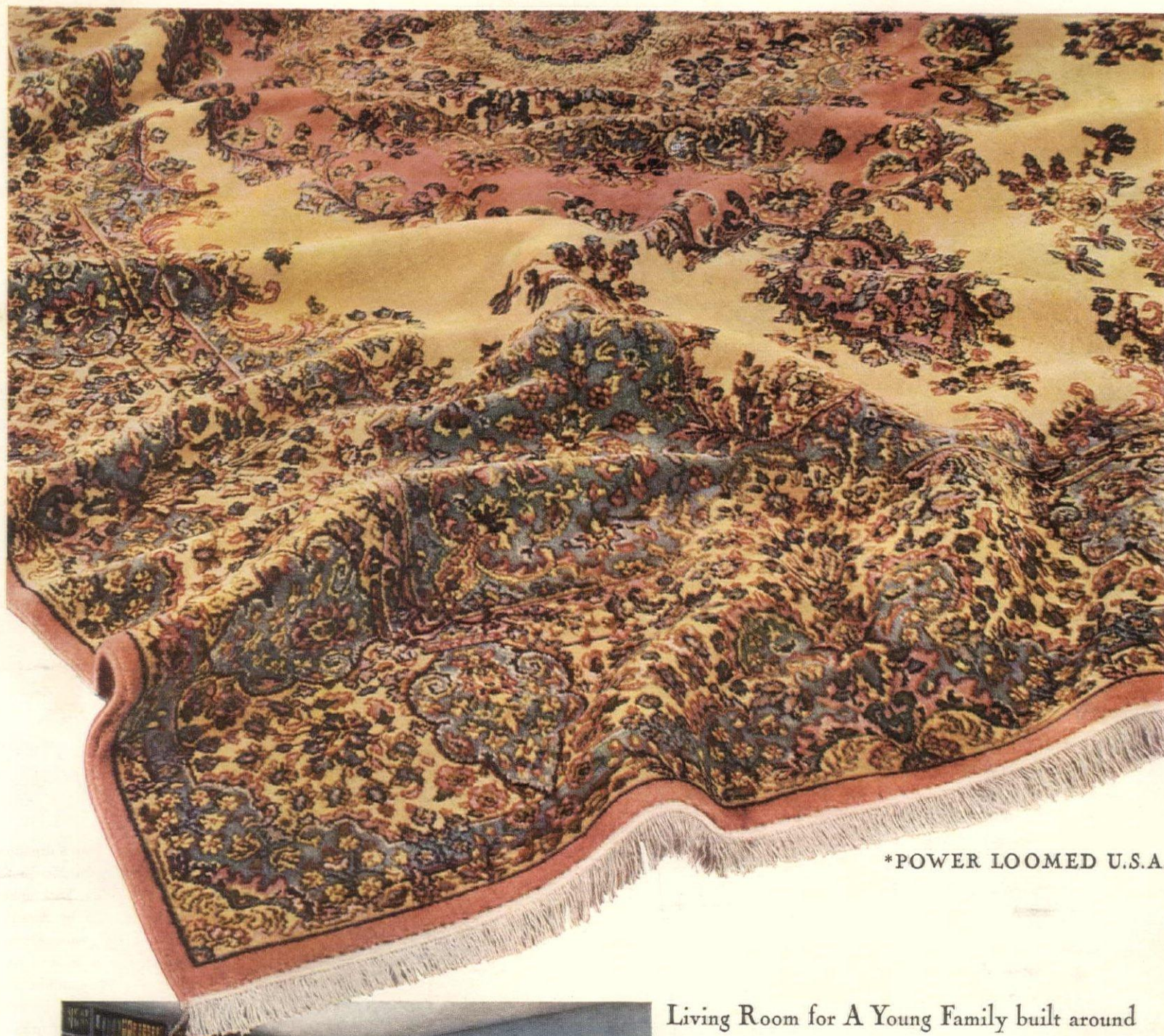


MAN-ABOUT-TOWN dressing-table shelf top in Mr. Victor Beinfeld's New York apartment, designed by Aquilar-Ramirez. The compact and handsome unit is built over chest of drawers, adjacent to clothes closet and dressing area. Recessed shelf in comparatively small space shows good plan of mirrors, light.

RANCHERO dressing table in Mrs. Jerd Sullivan's California house, right. Blue denim skirt is banded by a white leather cowboy belt, has roomy pockets. Lamps have white milk glass bases. Sheepskin covers bench.



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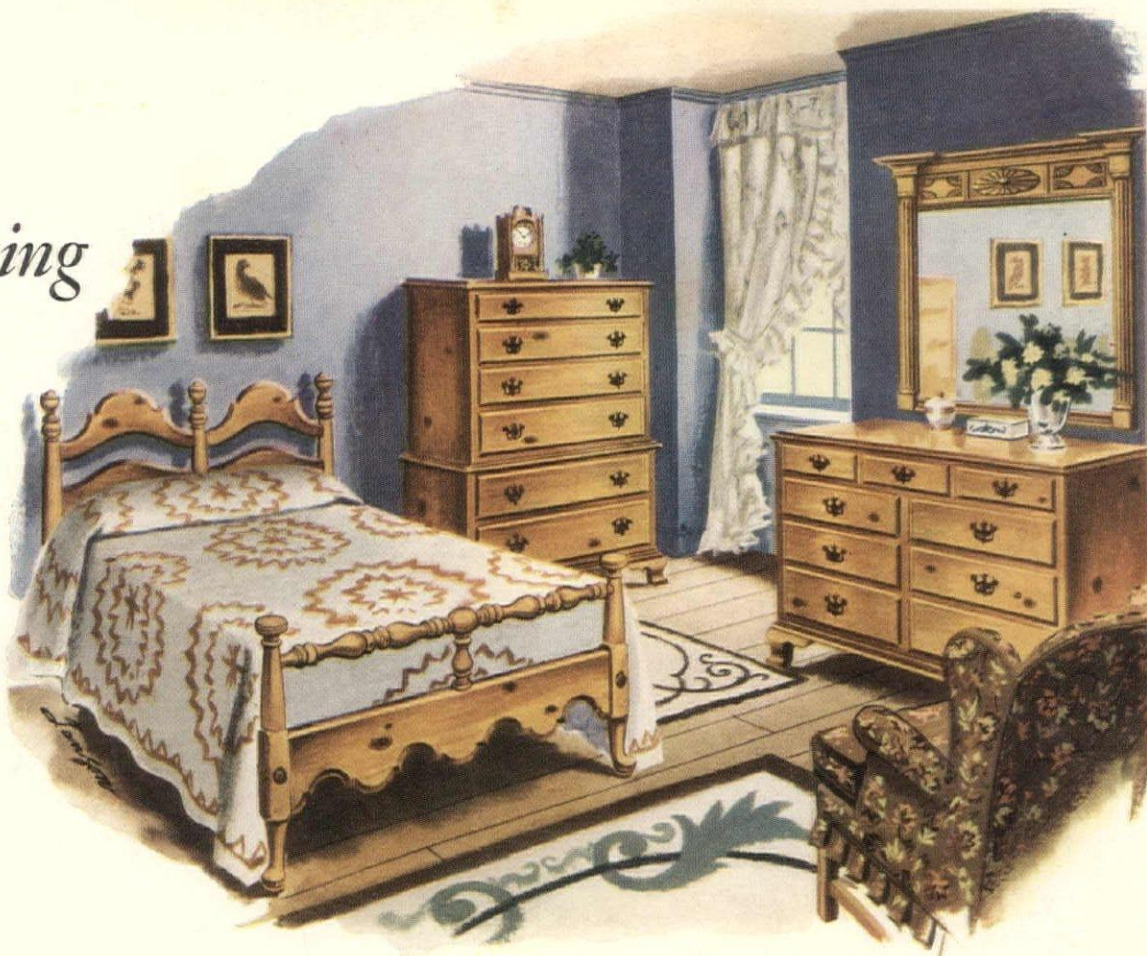
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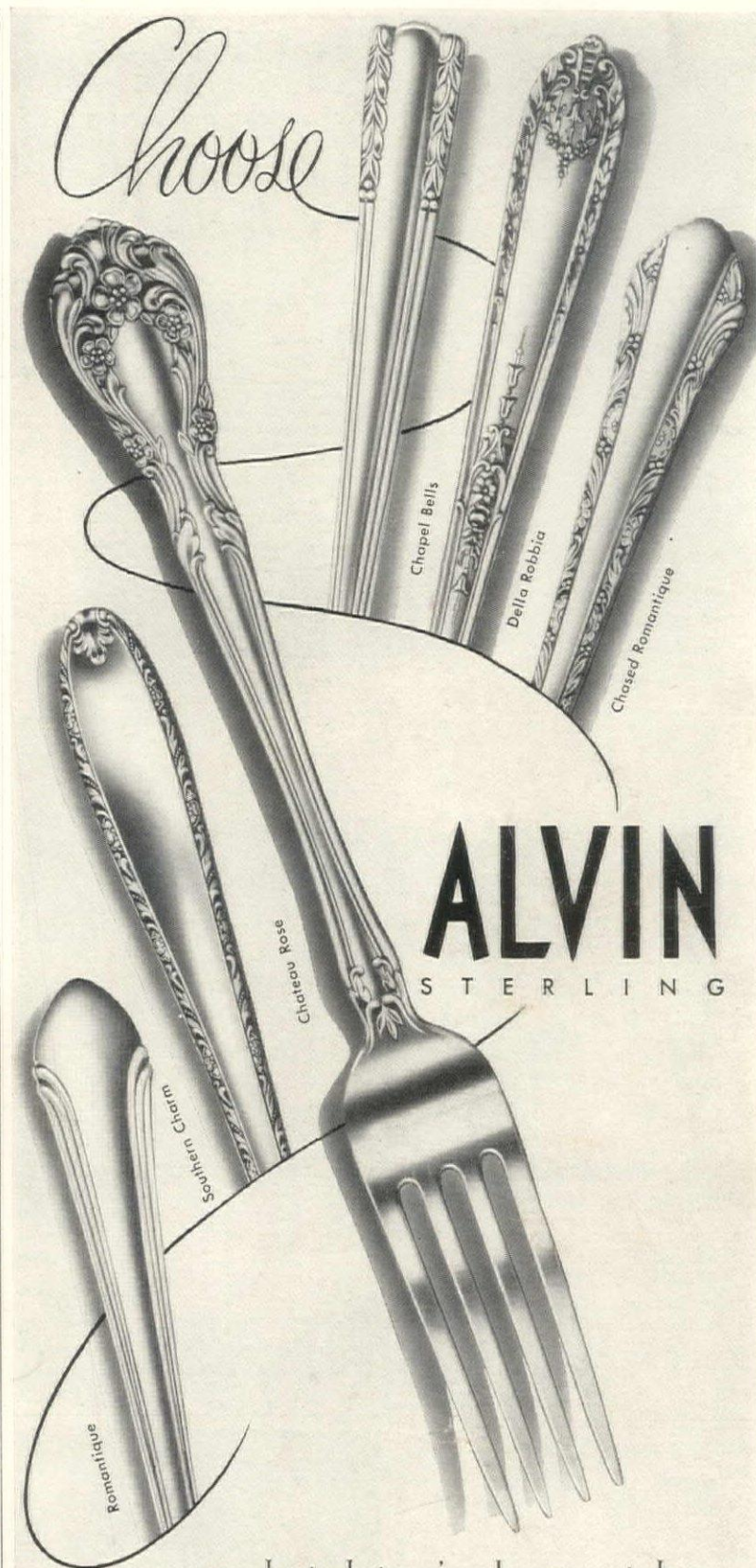


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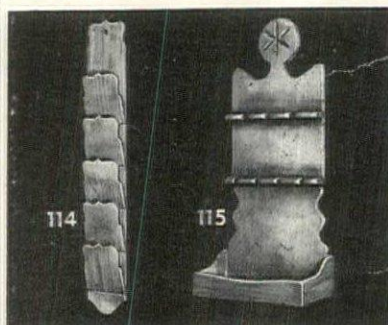
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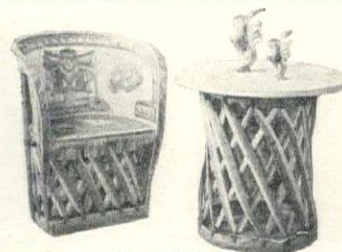
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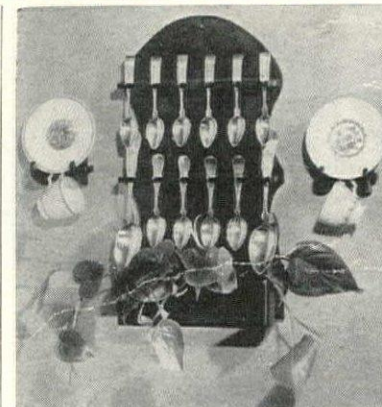
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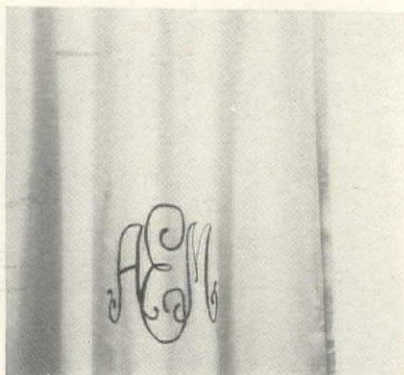
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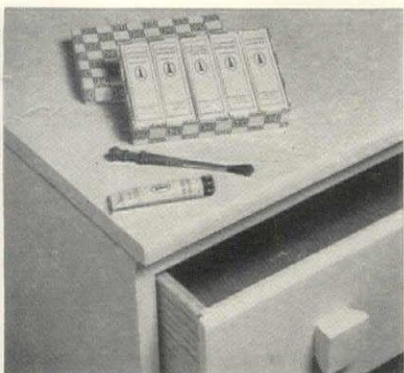
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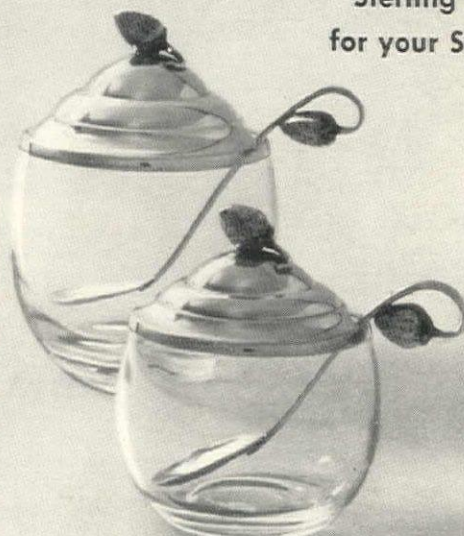
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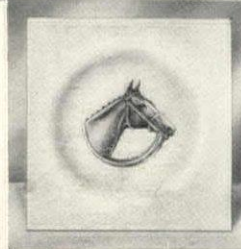
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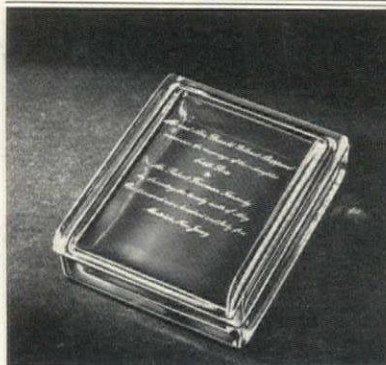
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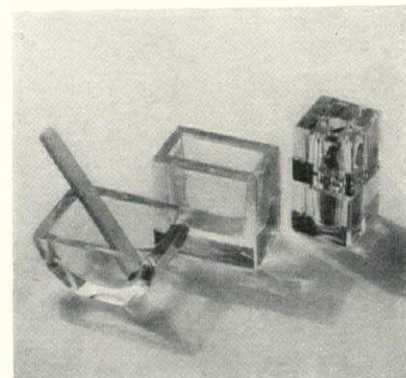
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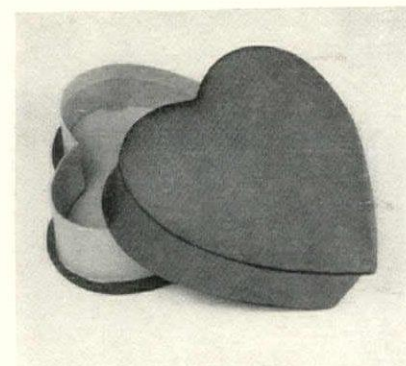


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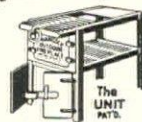
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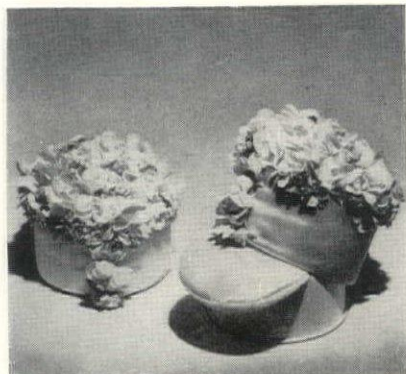
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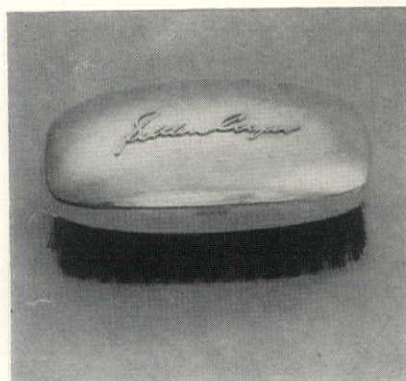
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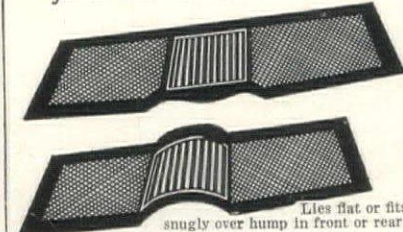
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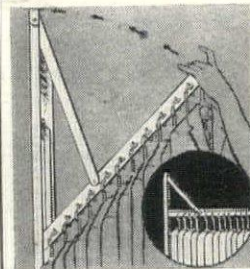
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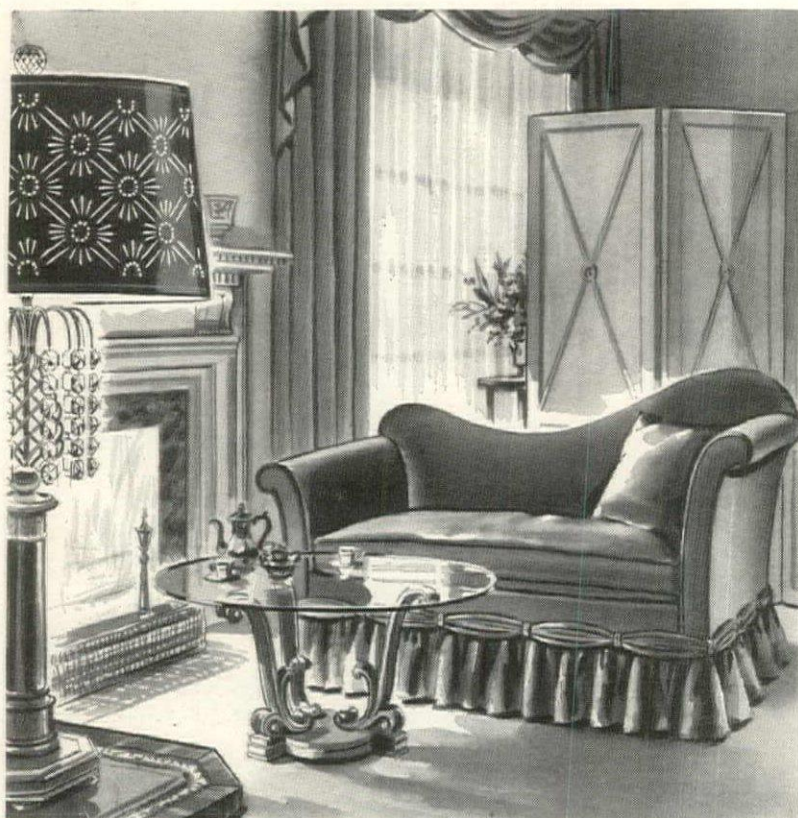
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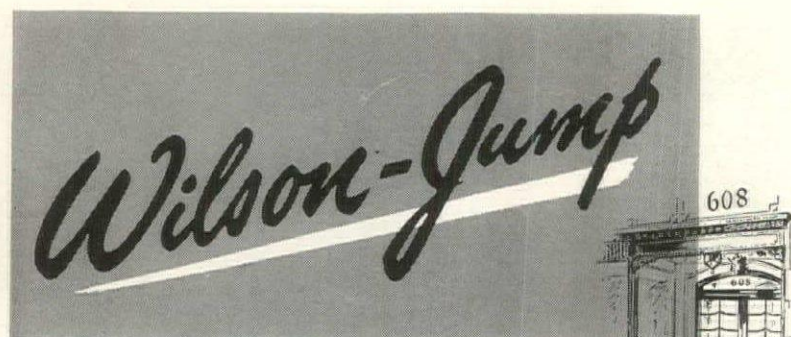
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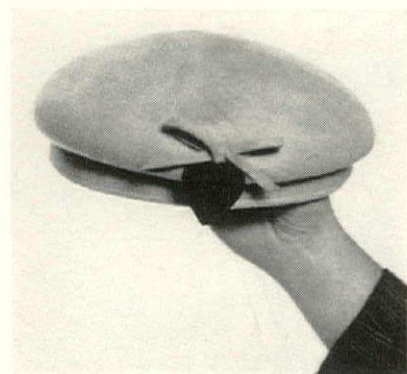
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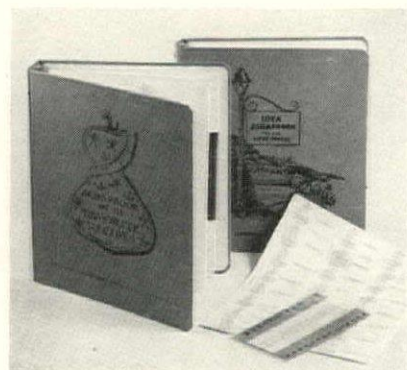


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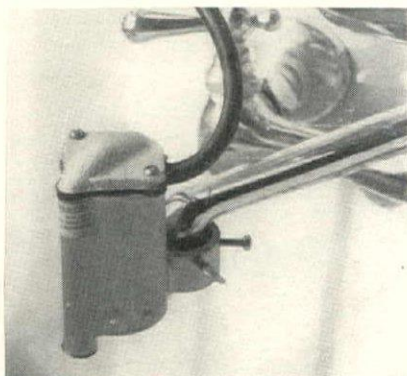
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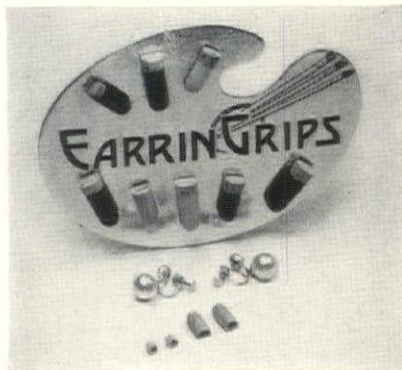
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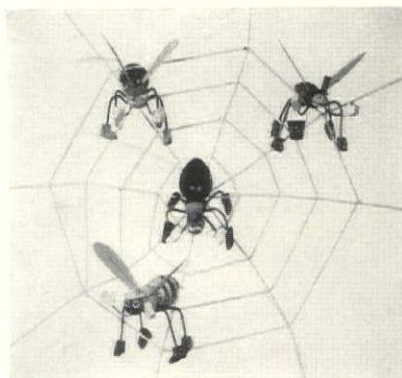
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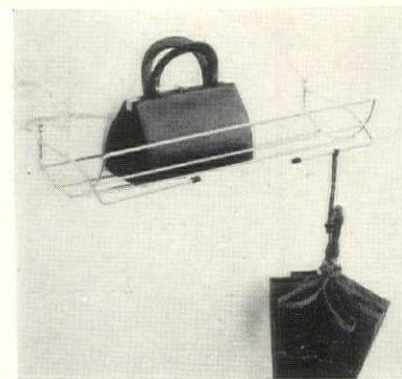
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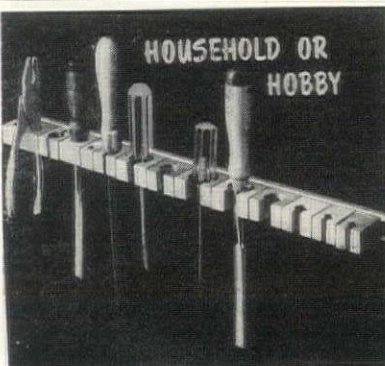
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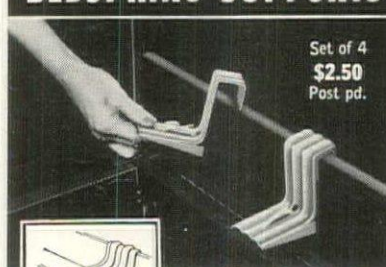
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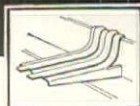
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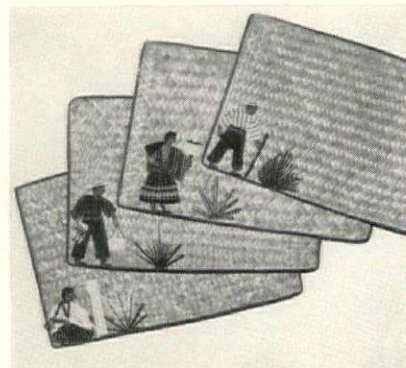
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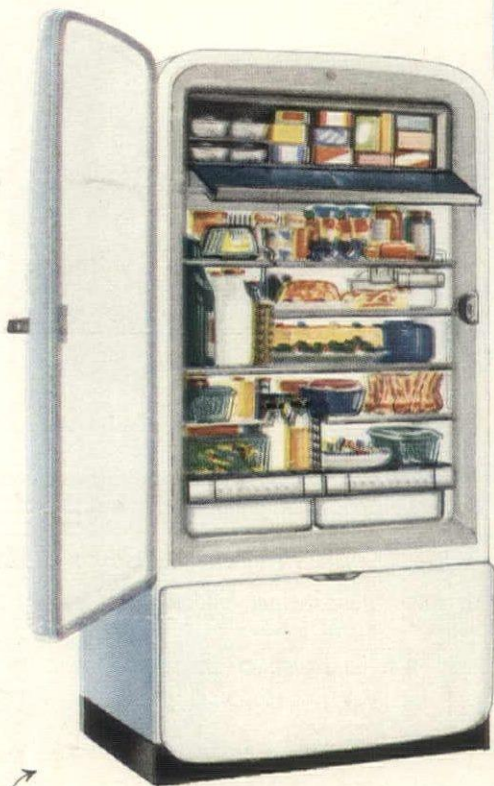
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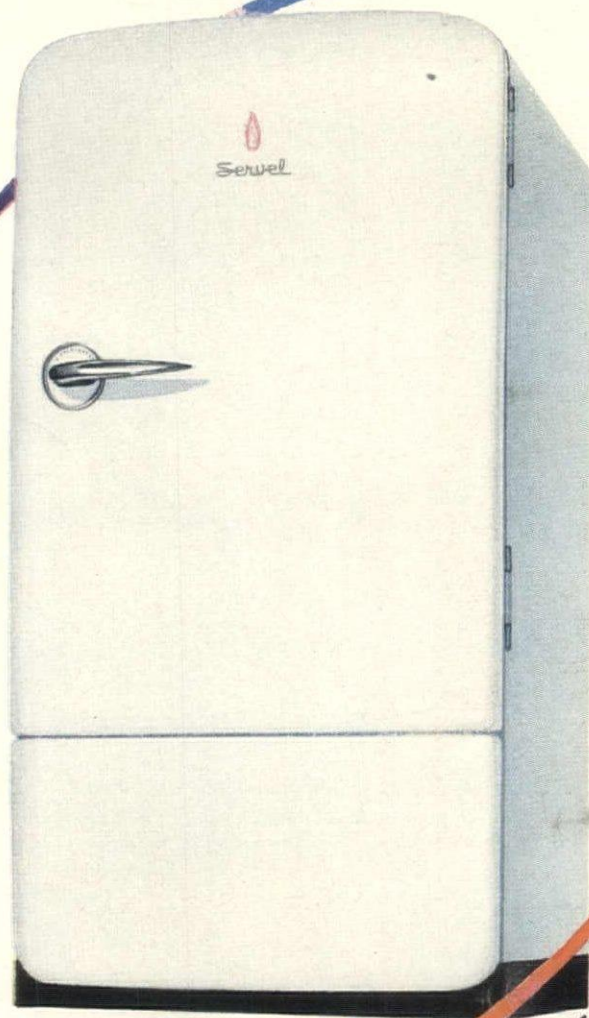
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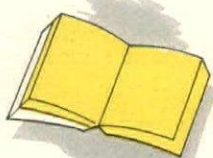
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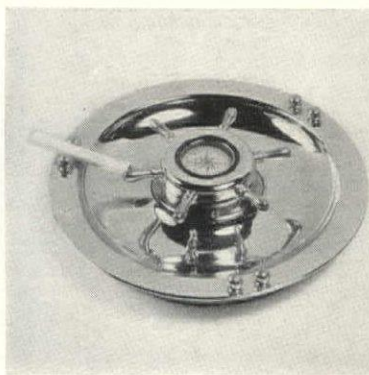


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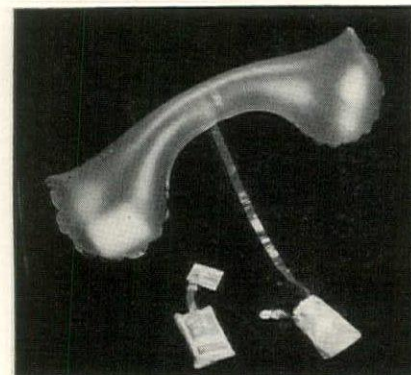
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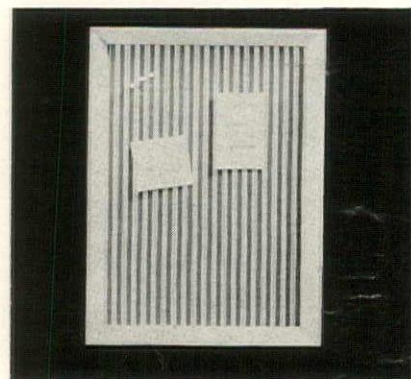


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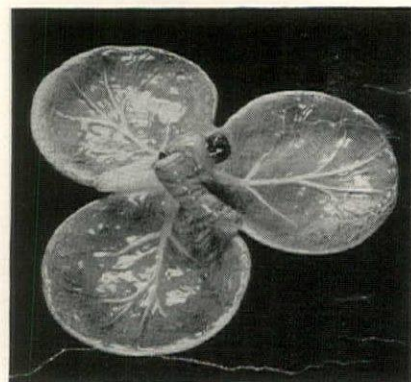
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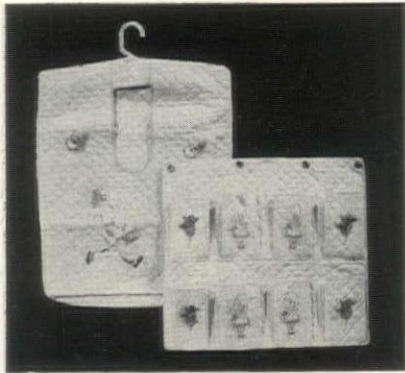
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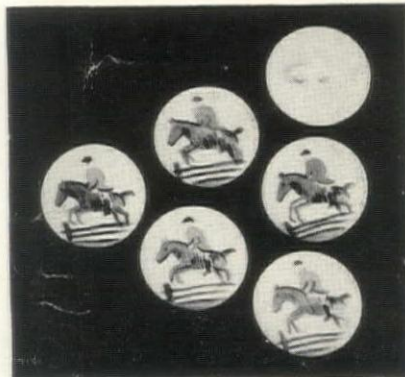
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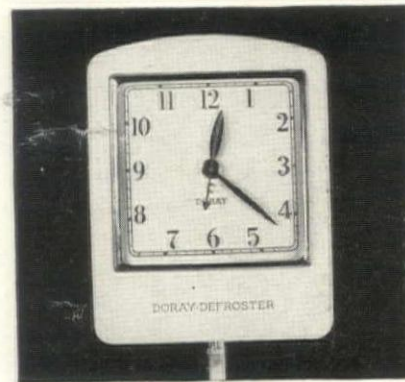
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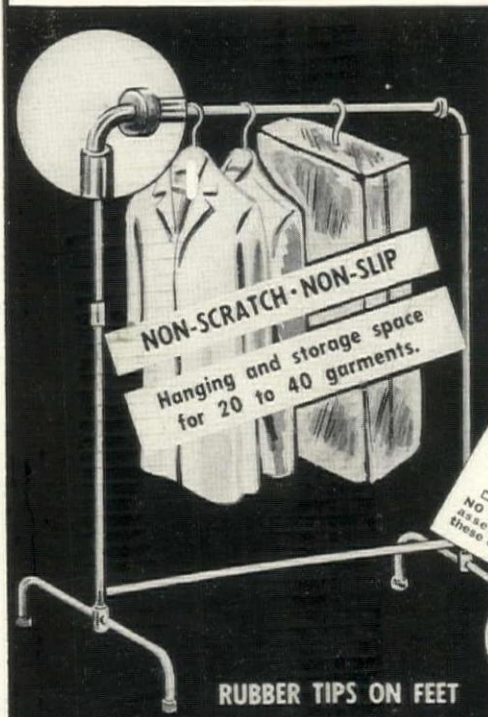
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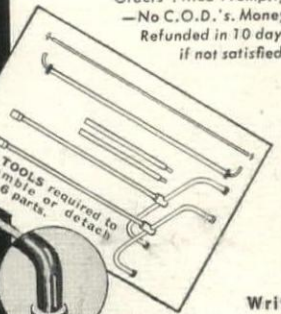
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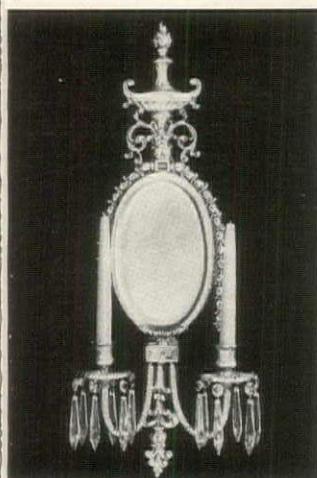
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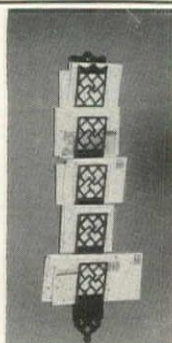
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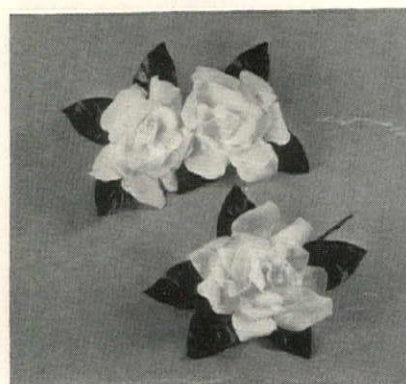
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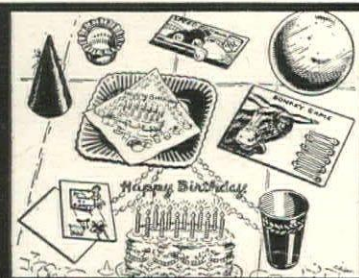
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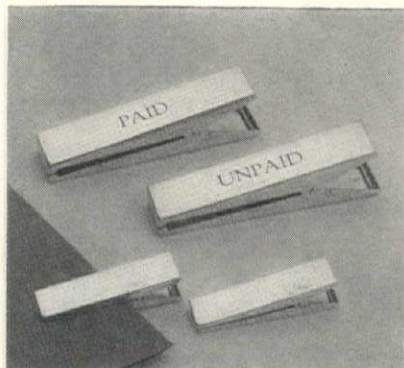
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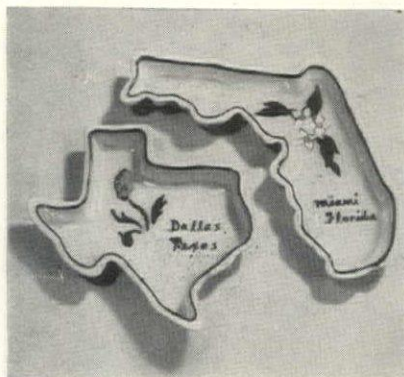
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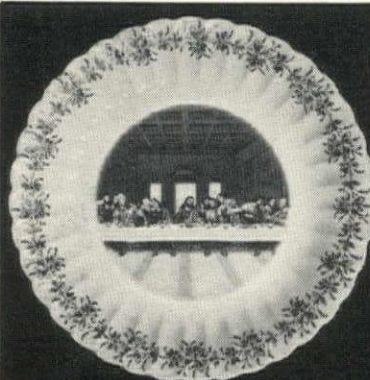
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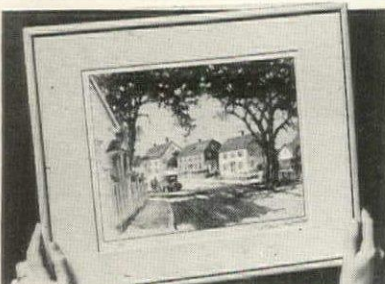
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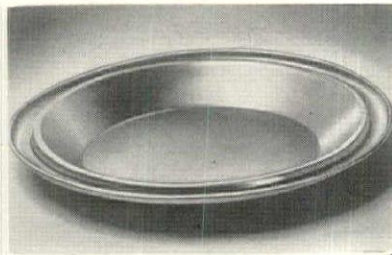
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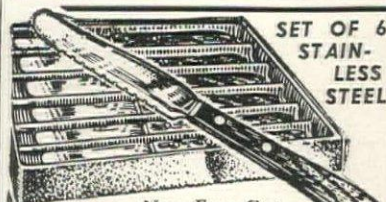
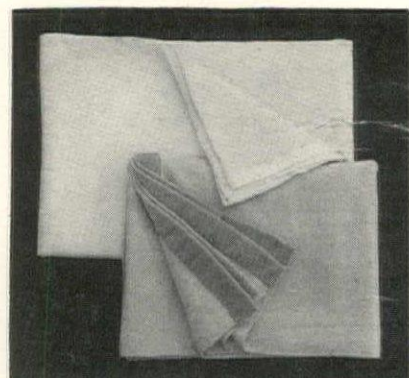
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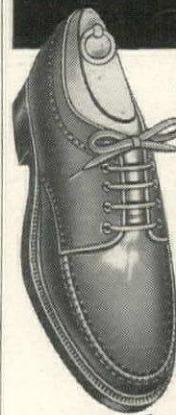
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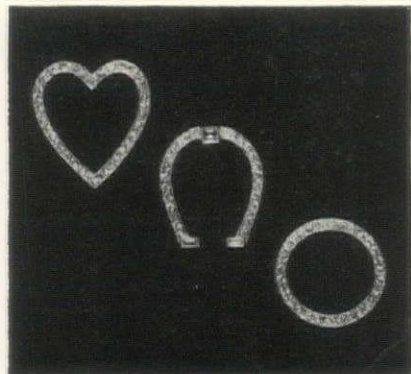
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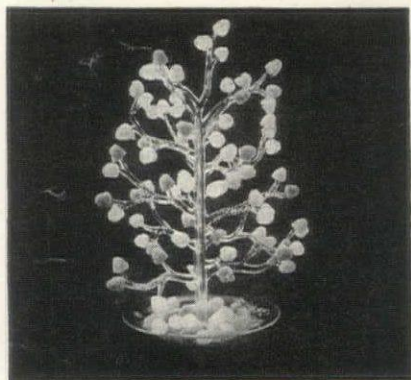
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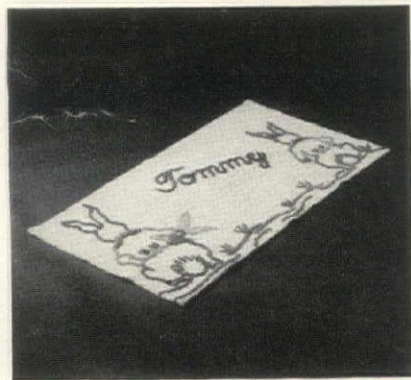
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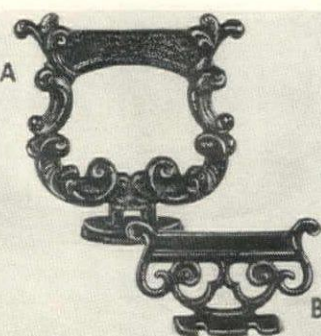
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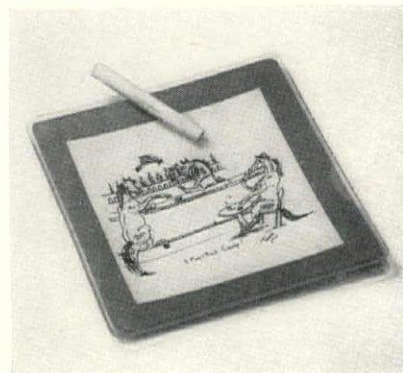
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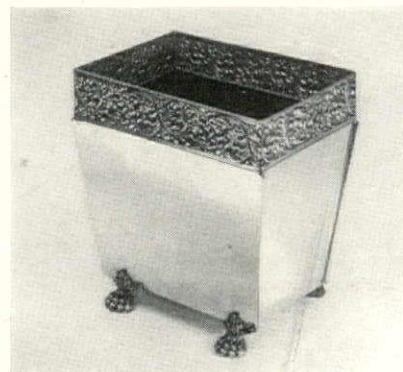
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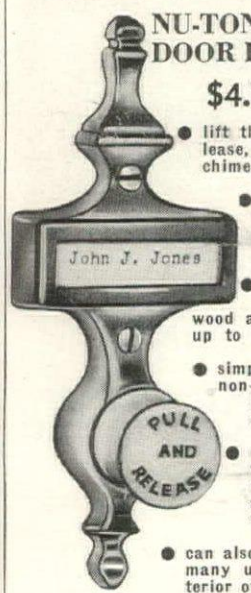
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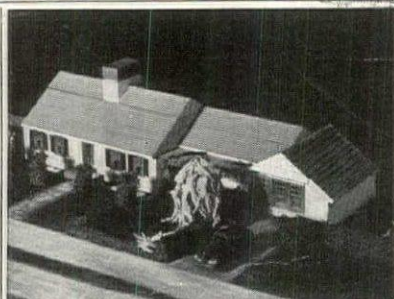
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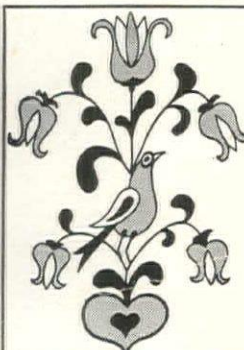
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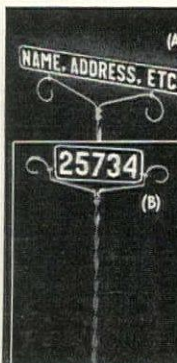
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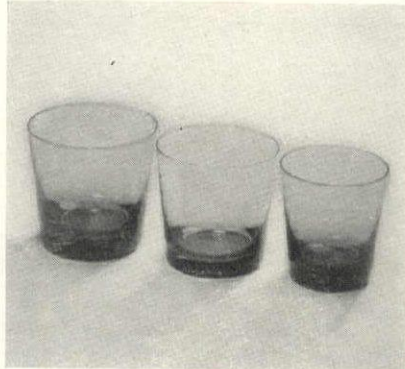
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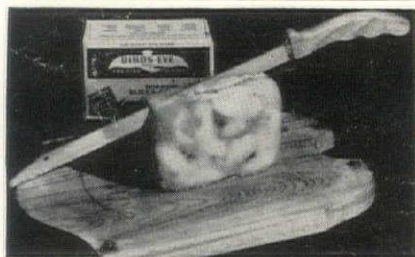
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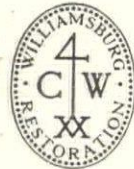
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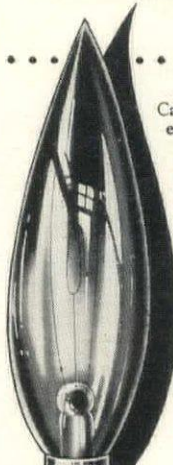
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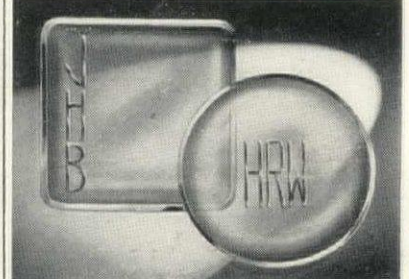
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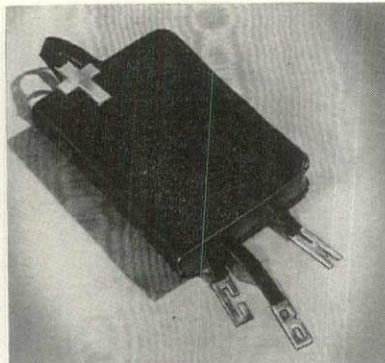


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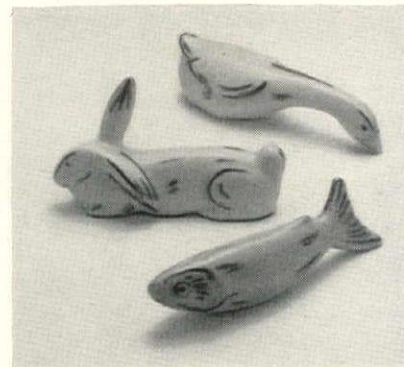
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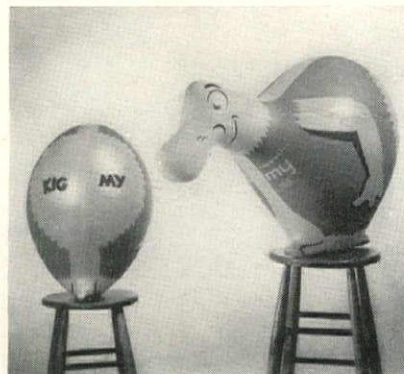
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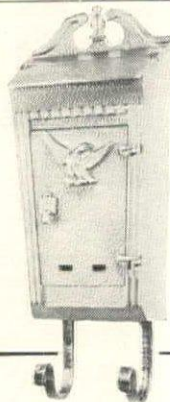
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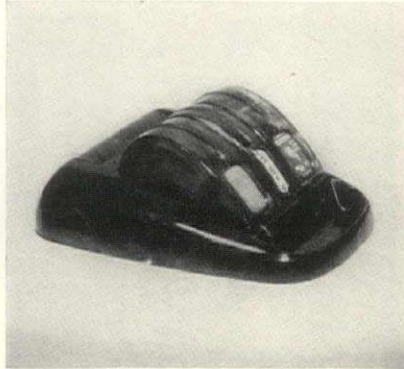
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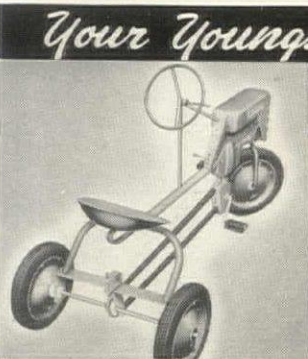
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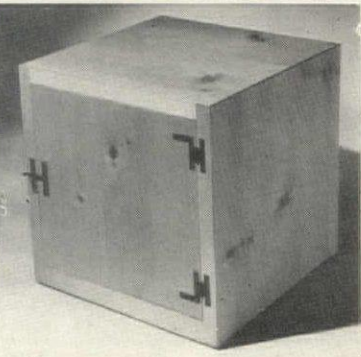
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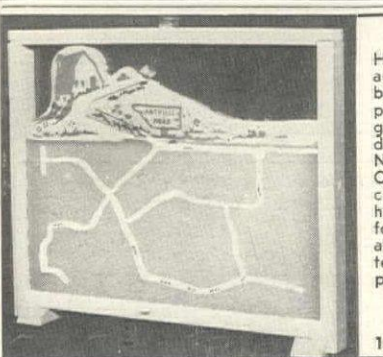
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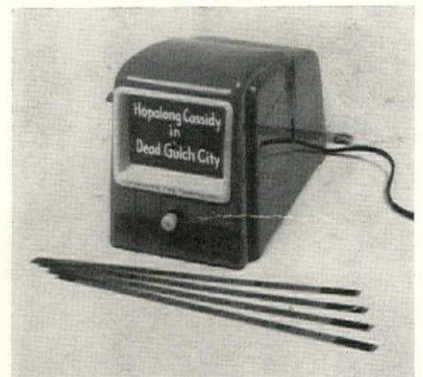
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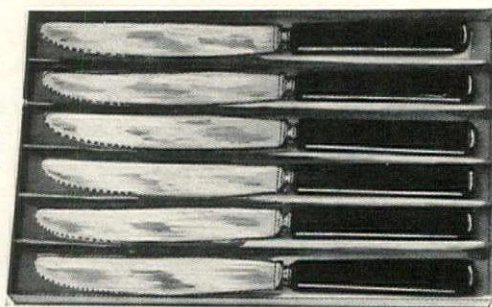
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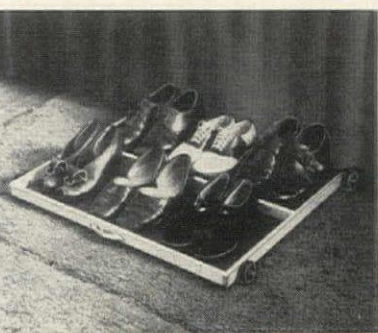


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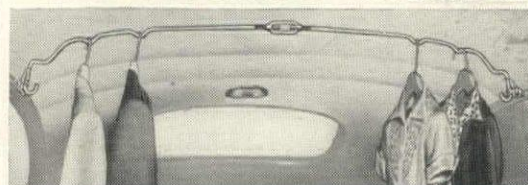
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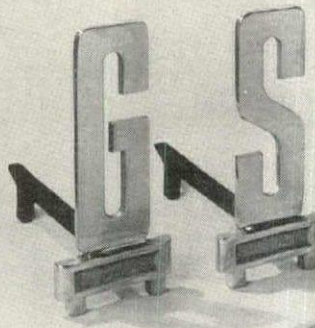
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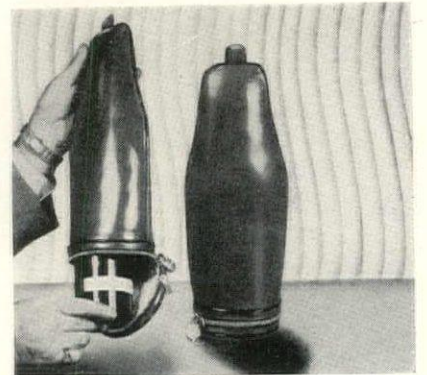
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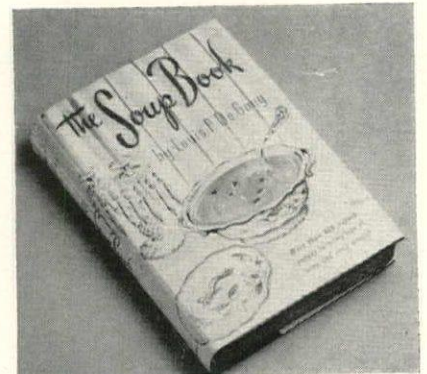


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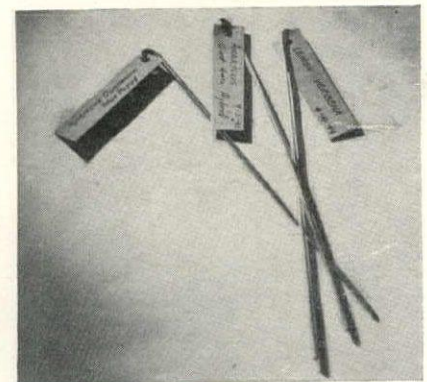
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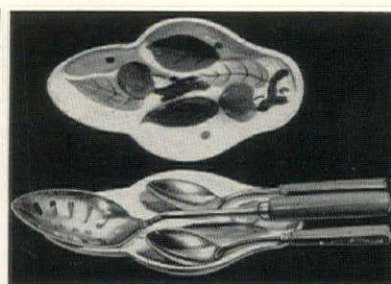
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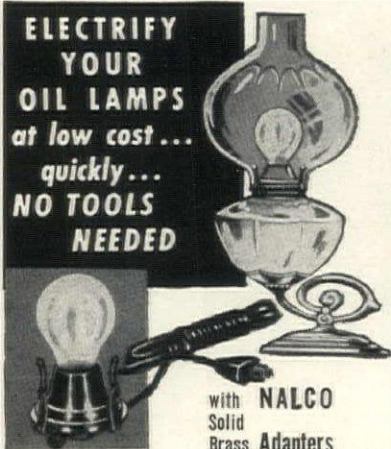
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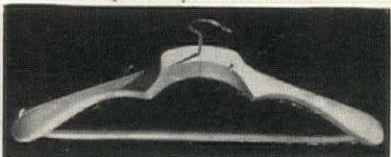
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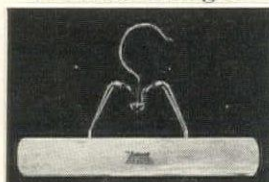
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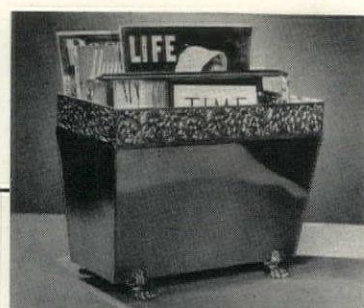
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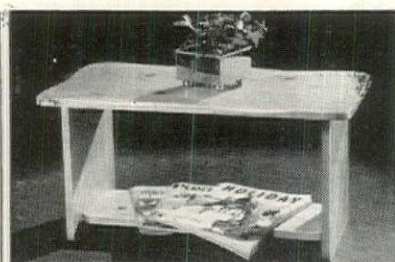
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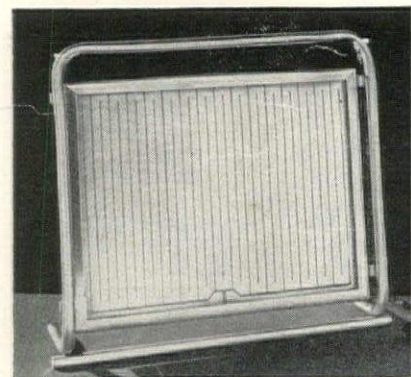


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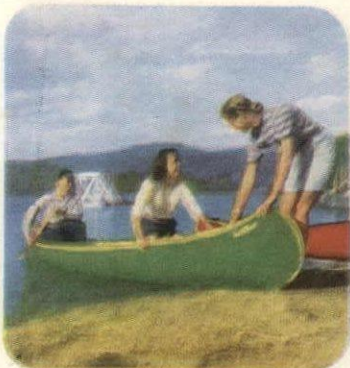
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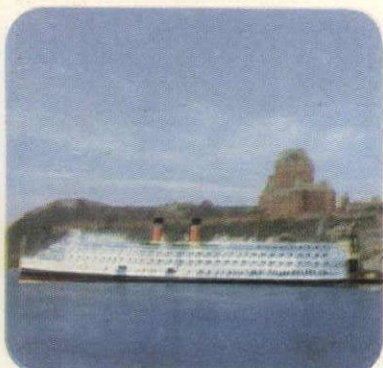
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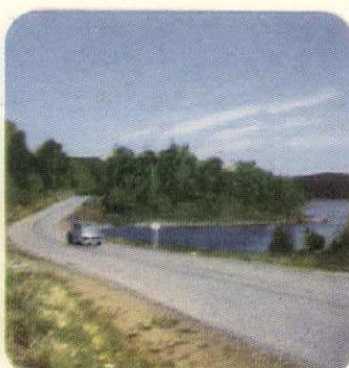
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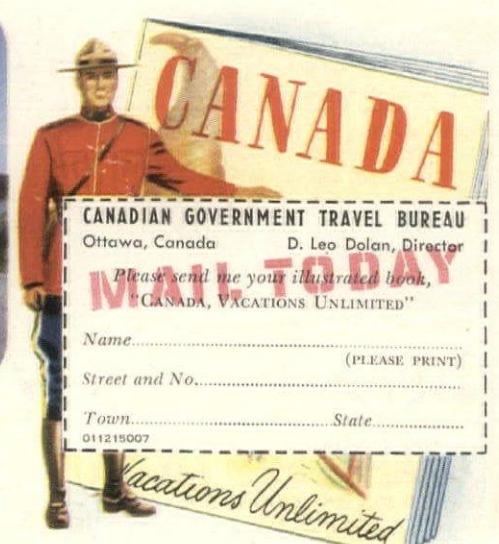
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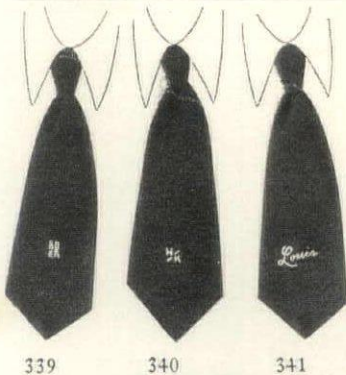
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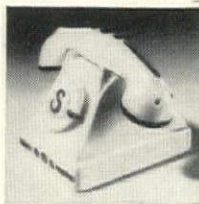


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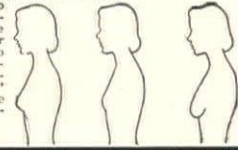
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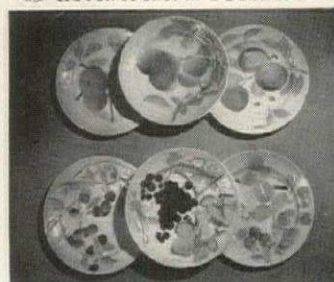
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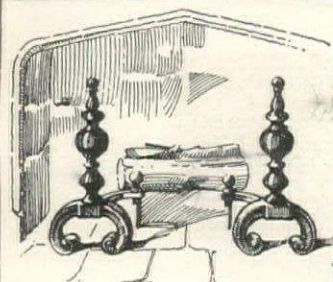
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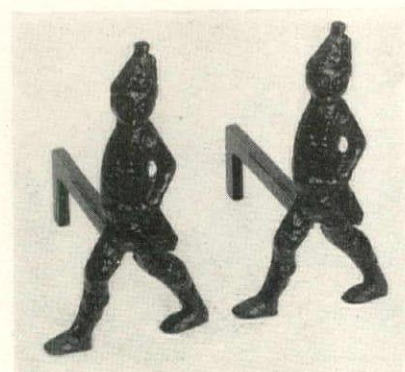
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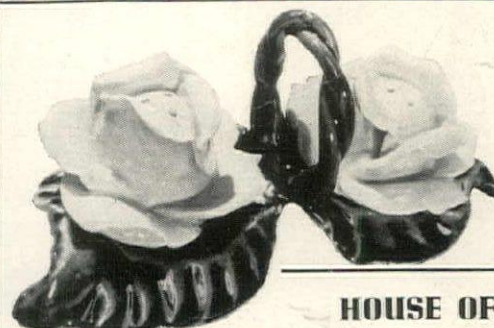
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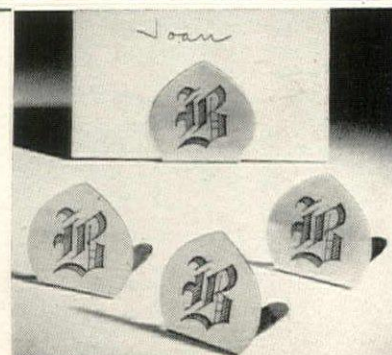
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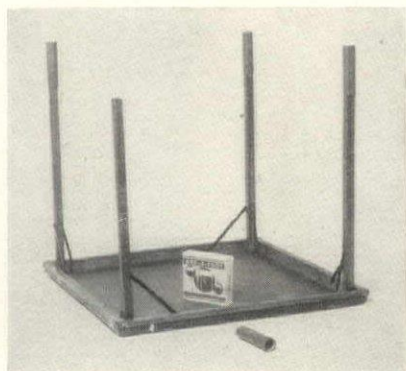
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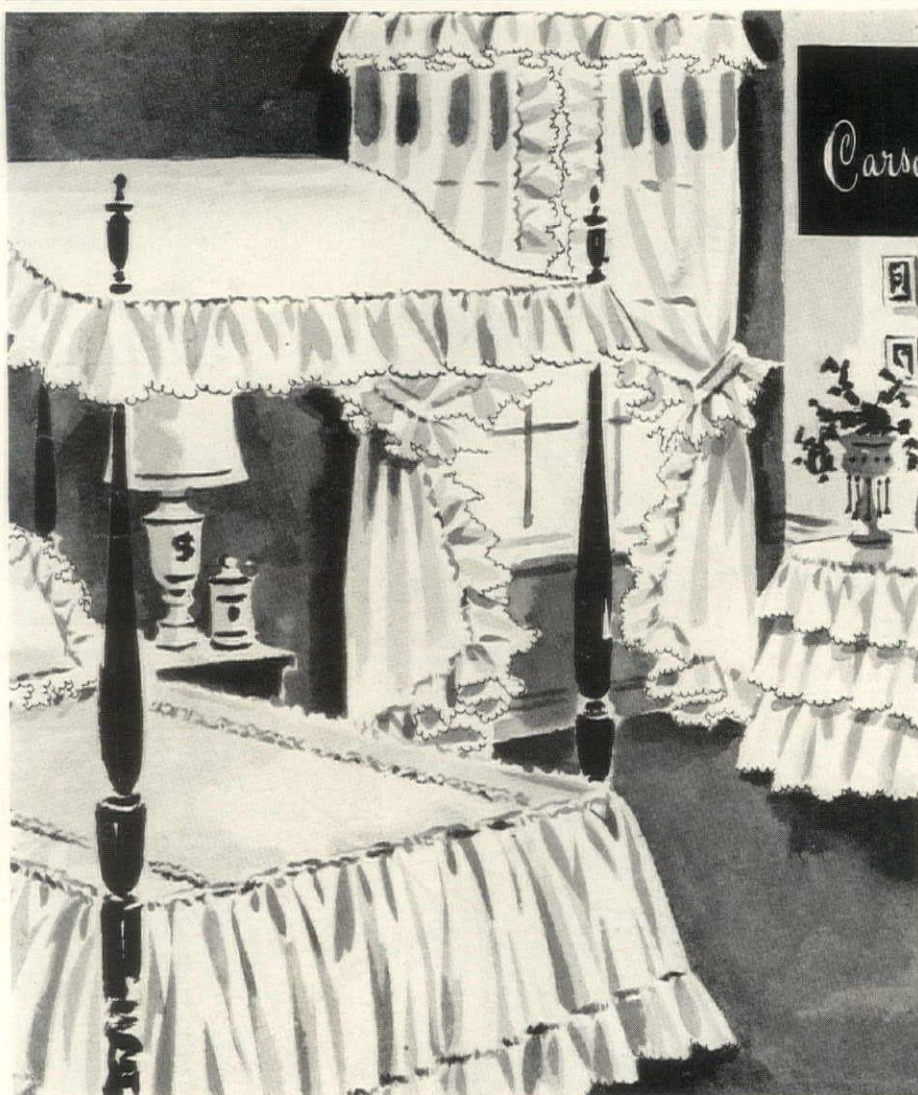
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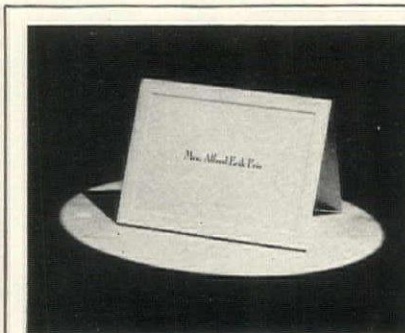
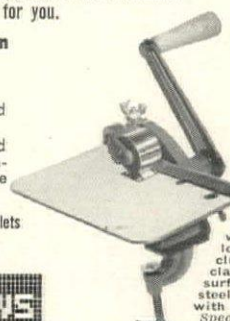
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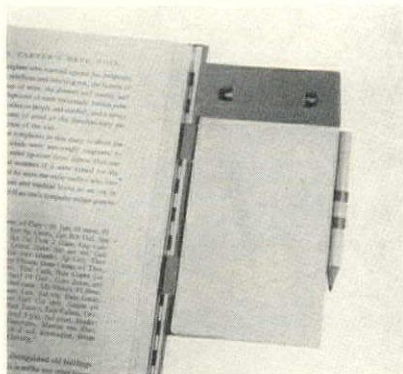


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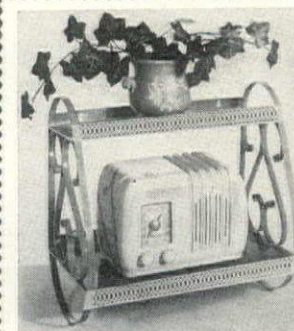
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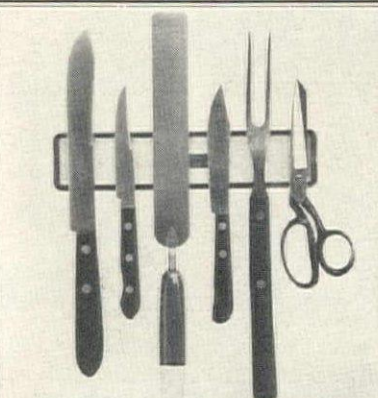
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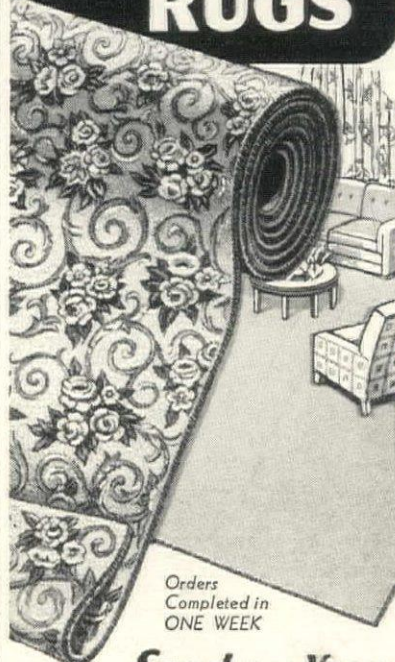
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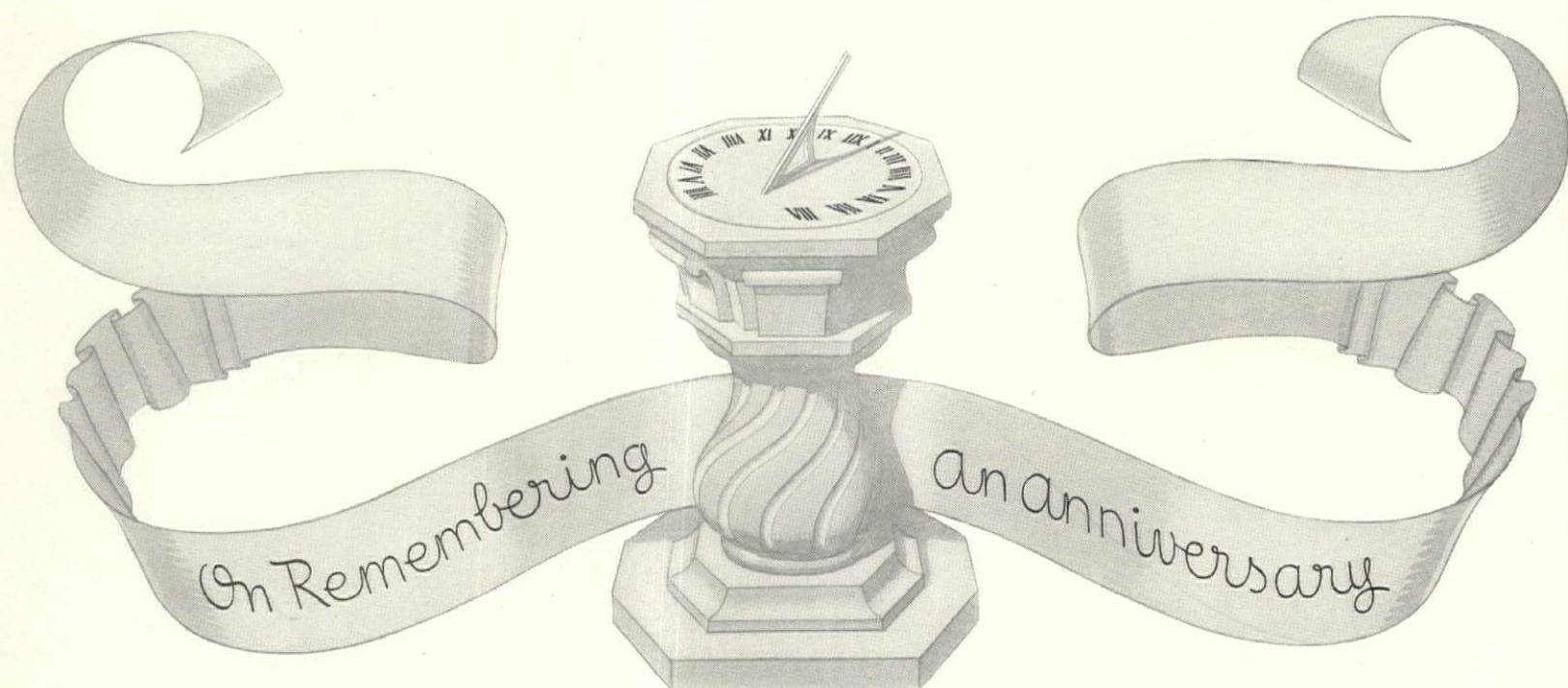
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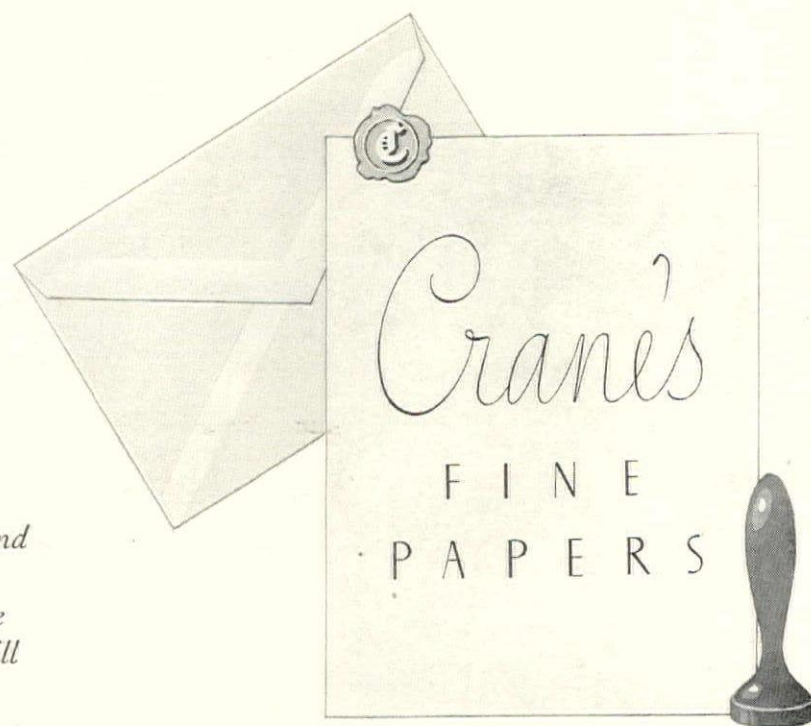
Your note to Jim and me on our wedding anniversary was a joy to receive and a pleasure to read. Somewhat showered as we were with cards, the letters we got (and especially yours) made us feel that we had been singled out and honored by the individual expression of fond hopes and good wishes.

Of course, with you, the writing of a letter is a natural exercise of your wit and wisdom; very like breathing, or so it would seem. I imagine words run off the point of your pen at a gallop and always in a pattern that is pleasing and distinctive in style.

Jim gave me a gorgeous box of Crane's, for the first anniversary, as you know, is "paper," so I am all set to match letter for letter with you and to be the gainer every time you write.

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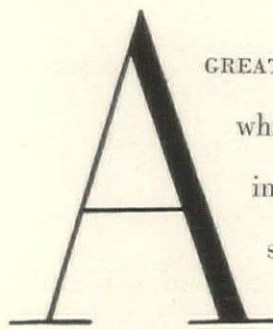
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There is no excuse for an ugly house



GREAT many ugly houses are going up all over the U.S.A. today; houses which are neither modern nor traditional, but frequently an inept combination of the two. More often than not they are set square in the middle of their lots, without benefit of site planning. Few will have satisfactory re-sale value, once the current shortage is past. Since we are a nation rich in architectural knowledge and well versed in building techniques, this wholesale ugliness is inexcusable. Fortunately, there are notable exceptions such as the four houses we show in this issue. They prove that good planning can give you privacy for both house and garden on a small site (see pages 78-79); that you can achieve individuality and charm even on a typical suburban lot (see pages 80-81); that you can have a touch of formality on a small scale (see pages 76-77); and finally that you can synchronize house plans, equipment, color and landscape planting to achieve comfort, convenience and pleasure (see pages 48-59). All four of these houses were planned with a particular site and family in mind. Because they make use of new materials and new equipment, they are easy to run. Take from them ideas to incorporate in your *own* house, large or small, that will make it a better and handsomer place in which to live.

MAKE A POINT OF

ideas

They are the touchstone of a successful house.

This issue of House & Garden points up ideas you can adapt for your use

A HOUSE is the sum of at least a thousand parts. How well they mesh together depends largely on careful selection of architect, site, materials and equipment. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Dretzin's house in Chappaqua, New York, is a case in point. They wanted charm, simplicity and ease of upkeep. Ideas from this house are highlighted here and on the next 11 pages and on page 114. For other points on house planning see page 76.

THEY MADE A POINT OF SITE: They realized that a truly satisfying country house is keyed to its surroundings. The property they finally selected is a lovely five-acre tract of woodland overlooking a small lake. There are great outcroppings of rock overgrown with minuscule mosses and ferns; wild laurel and dwarf evergreens cluster the slopes; tall oaks and beeches offer shade.

THEY MADE A POINT OF GOOD PLANNING: The success of a house is often in direct ratio to the understanding between the architect and client. Long before they were ready to build, Mr. and Mrs. Dretzin discussed the house with their architects (Katz-Waisman-Blumenkranz-Stein-Weber, Architects Associated). By the time they were ready to build there existed a lively understanding that assured a sympathetic interpretation of their needs. They enumerated their requirements and preferences in answer to a questionnaire from the architects.

THEY MADE A POINT OF COLOR: Color is a very personal matter, especially in your own house. Here

the pattern was set by the owners' enjoyment of vivid hues. In collaboration with the Rahr Color Clinic and using HOUSE & GARDEN colors, a co-ordinated scheme was worked out for everything from walls to hand towels. Each color is appropriate to its place and creates a sense of continuity from room to room. Thanks to the perfect match afforded by Martin-Senour's Nu-Hue system, there was no guesswork, no experimental mixing.

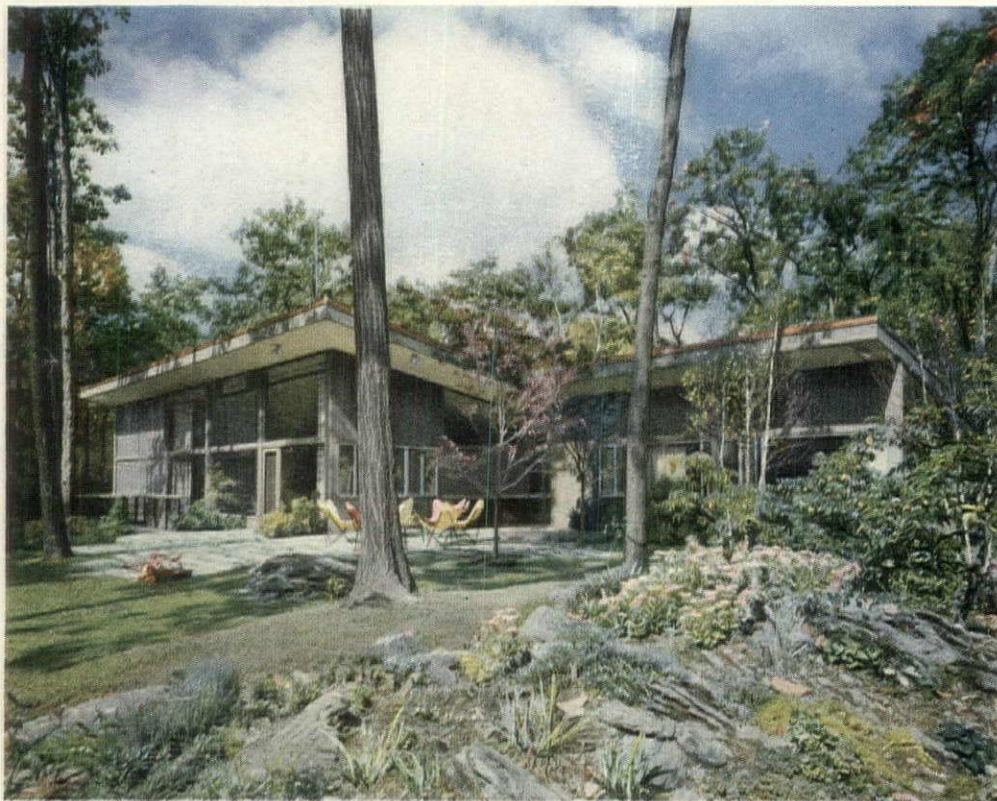
THEY MADE A POINT OF INDIVIDUALITY: Because they delight in the yeast of originality, the Dretzins specially commissioned some of the furniture and fabrics. Designed by Isamu Noguchi: the low coffee table of black Belgian marble, the dining room table in red-brown African cocobolo wood, the aluminum light fixture formed like drifting clouds. Woven by Trude Guernonprez: the living room curtains with bands of variant texture to diffuse the light in subtle patterns; coverings for the armchairs and corner couches which are almost three-dimensional in their depth.

Opposite: FROM THE PORCH, THE HOUSE SEEMS POISED OVER THE LAKE





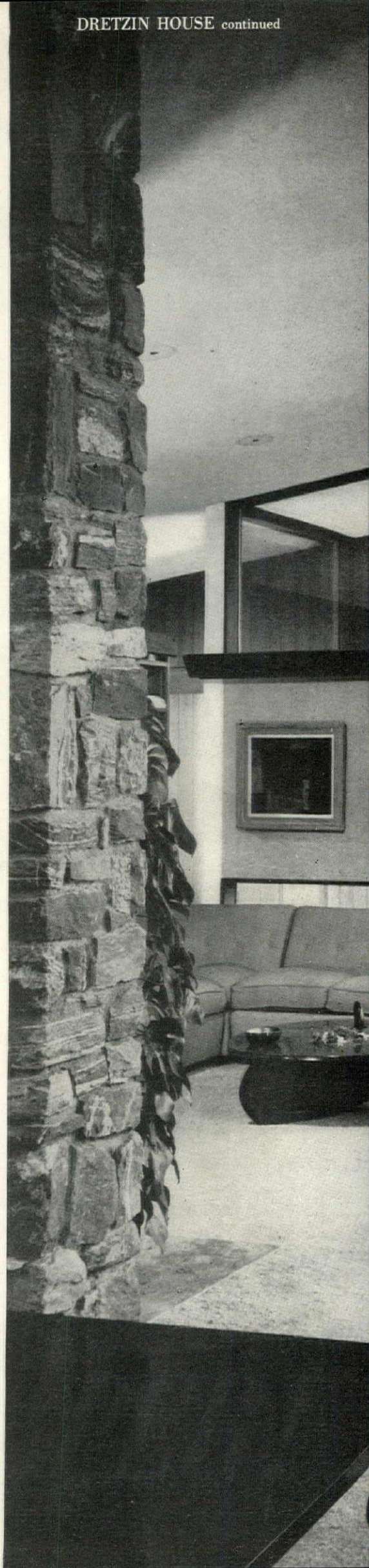
TWO TABLES AND A CLOUD-FORM LIGHT FIXTURE COMPOSE A SCULPTURAL TRIAD BY NOGUCHI



THE TERRACE SPREADS BELOW THE SHADOWS OF OAKS, OVERLOOKING THE LAKE



STORAGE WALL HOLDS BOOKS, RADIO, TELEVISION; INVISIBLE WALL, LEFT, OPENS ON THE PORCH



MAKE A POINT OF glass

Invisible walls of glass add space and light, and a varying view of the garden. Better glass, better heating make window walls practical. If the rooms of your house are small, the open vistas of the outdoors are doubly inviting. Here, a half-solid, half-open wall affords a background for paintings, a glimpse of the garden.



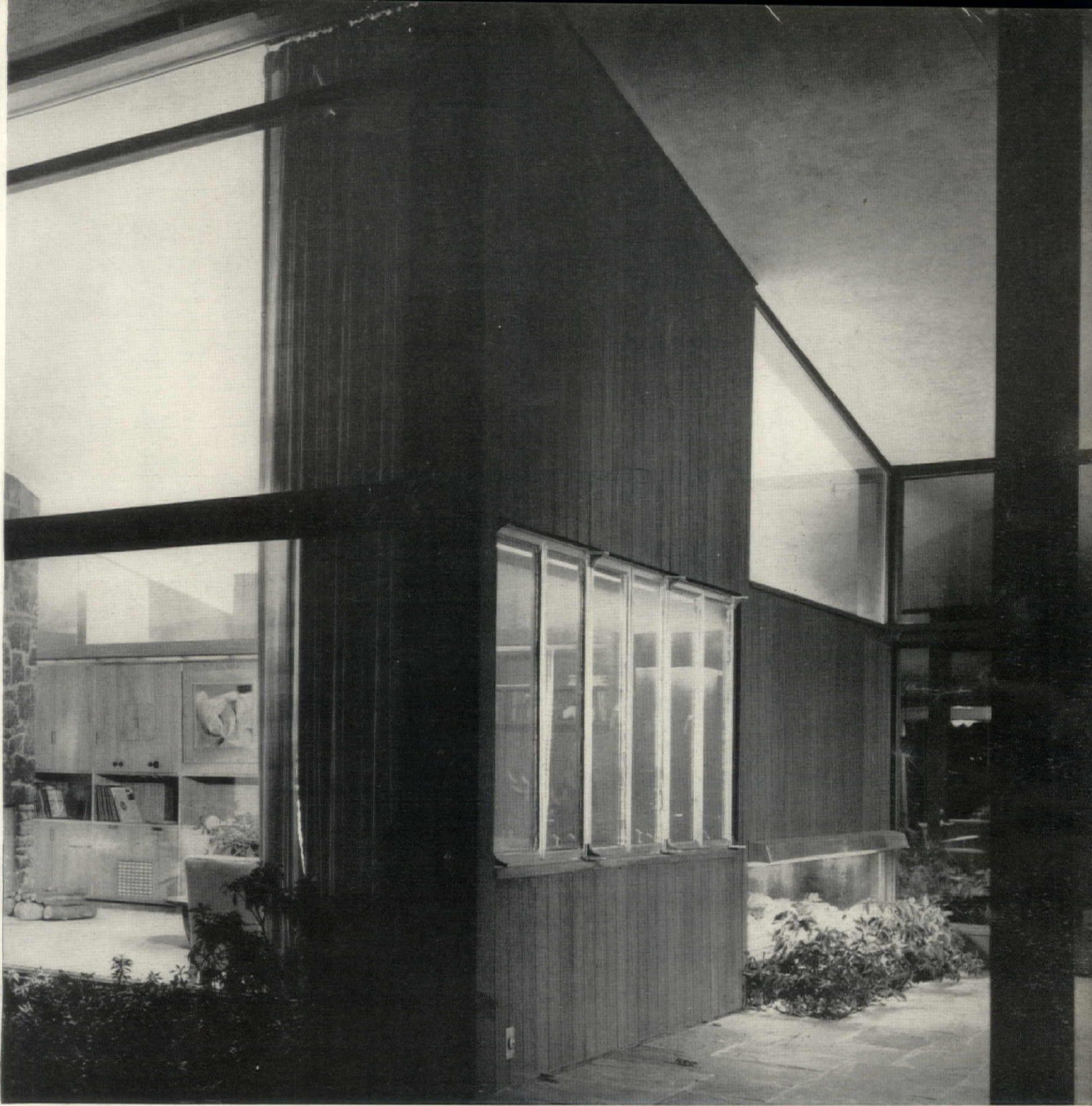


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MAKE A POINT OF lighting

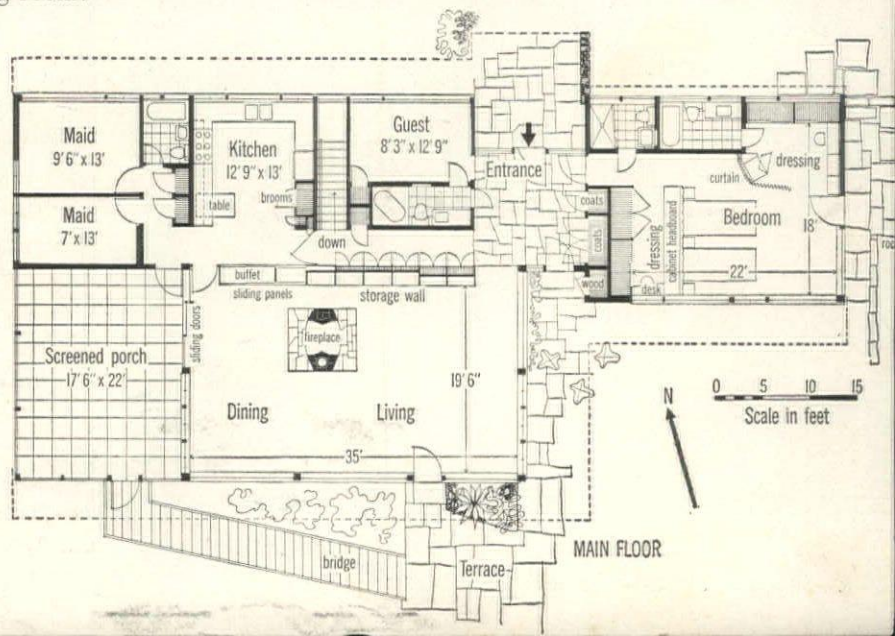
LIGHTING is the modulation of a room. It can brighten a comfortable nook where you can curl up to read or evoke a sparkling background for a party. The photograph above illustrates five different types:

1. GENERAL DIFFUSED LIGHTING from fluorescent tubes on top of storage wall and built in with the curtain tracks at the ends of the room.
2. SPOTLIGHTS for card playing, reading, recessed in the ceiling
3. PIN-POINT LIGHTS (also set in the ceiling) highlight paintings.
4. SPECIAL FIXTURE above the dining table forms a warm pool of light and sets this area off visually from the rest of the living room.
5. OUTDOOR LIGHTING on trees and rocks makes an enchanting view. At the far end of the house (out of the picture), a spotlight and radio amplifier flood the beach with light and music for swimming after dark. Other good lighting devices in the Dretzin house: closet lights that go on when the door is opened; fluorescent tubes above kitchen and pass counters; outlets for future floor lamps.



At night, well-planned lighting silhouettes the structure of the living room:
slender columns support an airy roof, walls are largely glass

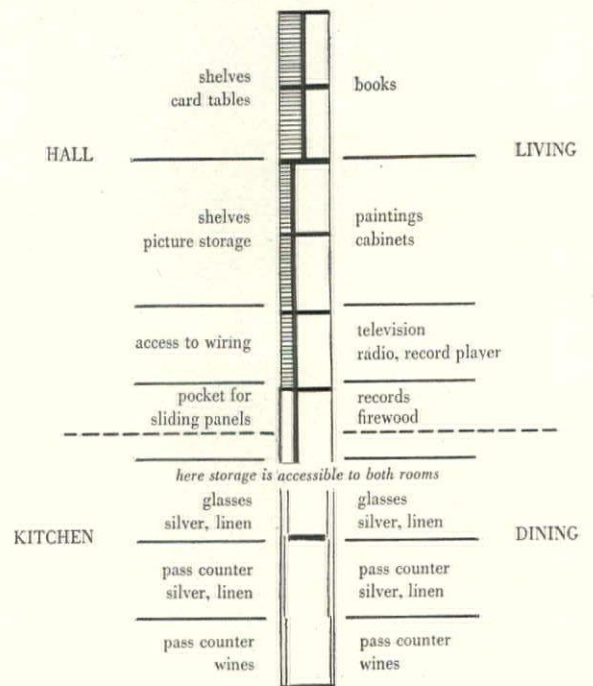
THE PLAN makes a point of the living room. Its 35-foot length is spanned with steel, its walls (mostly of glass) serve as screens. Without an interrupting column, the ceiling soars up from eight feet at the entrance to 14 feet at the south. In summer, one side of the living room opens to the terrace. Four-foot wall panels slide aside to join the room with the screened porch. An airy suspension bridge forms an outdoor walkway. The master bedroom has two dressing areas.





Television screen swings out for better visibility

PLAN OF STORAGE WALL



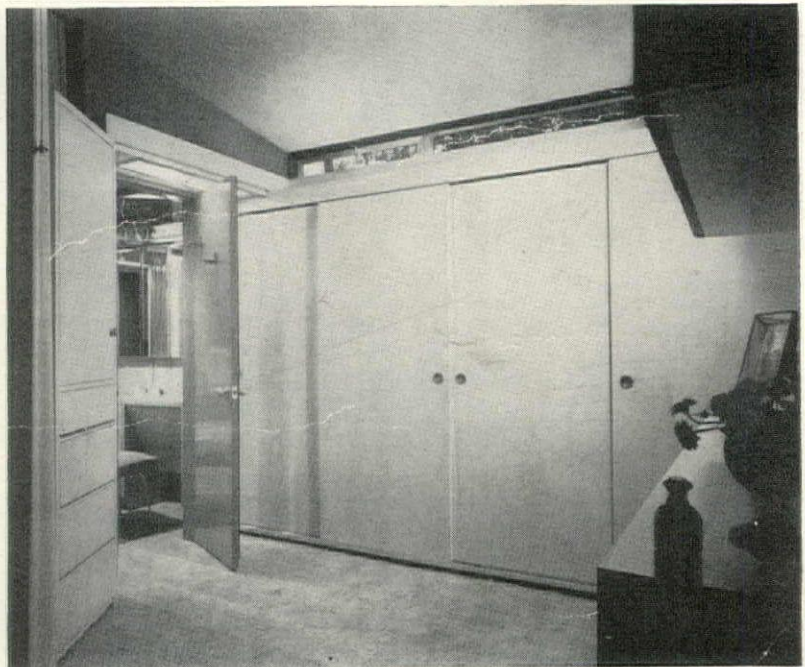
MAKE A POINT OF walls that work

A WALL can be a mere background or a remarkably versatile performer. In this house, a 27-foot storage wall plays records, presents television, displays paintings, affords illumination, forms a serving window, holds books, card tables and firewood, stores silver and glasses, in addition to providing four general closets. Of special interest: (a) two sets of sliding panels which open the serving counter to the kitchen, to the dining space, or to both areas simultaneously; (b) three sections of the wall have evenly spaced perforations into which you can insert picture nails so that replacement of paintings is no problem. In the bedroom, one storage wall, back-to-back with hall closets, forms a sound barrier; another, has a bank of windows and fluorescent tubes for light above it. A shoe closet doubles its capacity with racks on the door and the back wall; when the door is closed, racks clear each other like cogs in a gear.

Opposite: One wall holds everything from teaspoons to television (plan, above)



Low partition combines drawers, night stands, headboard



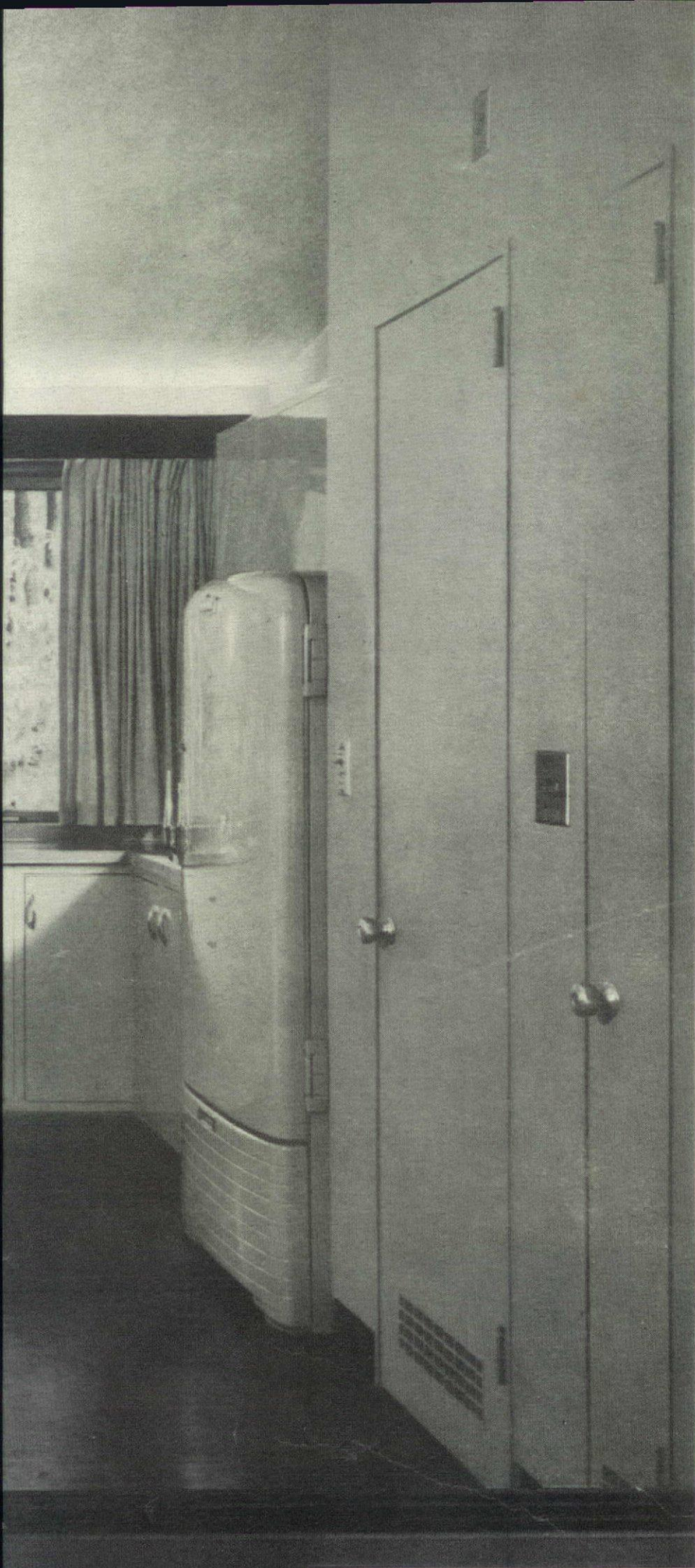
Mirror door to bathroom is lighted from above



The kitchen of the Dretzin house is as handsome as it is efficient.

Cabinets and equipment, spray-painted the same gray-green as the walls, point up the rich luster of stainless-steel counters.





Sifter, revolving and mixer shelves in Cox cabinets

MAKE A POINT OF good equipment

Good equipment is a direct investment in comfort and good health. It can also simplify the workings of your house. In these pictures there isn't a space-consuming, dirt-catching radiator in sight. Instead, slim convectors are built-in under the windows. Although a stairway in the house leads directly from the carport to the laundry and kitchen, it is no drab service entrance; rock gardens flank the door, a colorful painting marks the lower landing. The reason: a disposer in the kitchen sink takes care of messy waste; an electric dryer eliminates the laundry yard. Other kitchen conveniences: counter-height appliance outlets; washable Carrara walls above counters; fluorescent lights under cabinets; hood and vent fan built-in above range; a handy table for informal meals (or sit-down tasks) tucks away under the counter. Cabinets were spray-painted gray-green to match walls. Curtains, sprout green; linoleum floor, pewter gray; ceiling, plaster. *Building, equipment data, p. 116.*

Informal meals are served through the pass window



MAKE A POINT OF harmonious planting

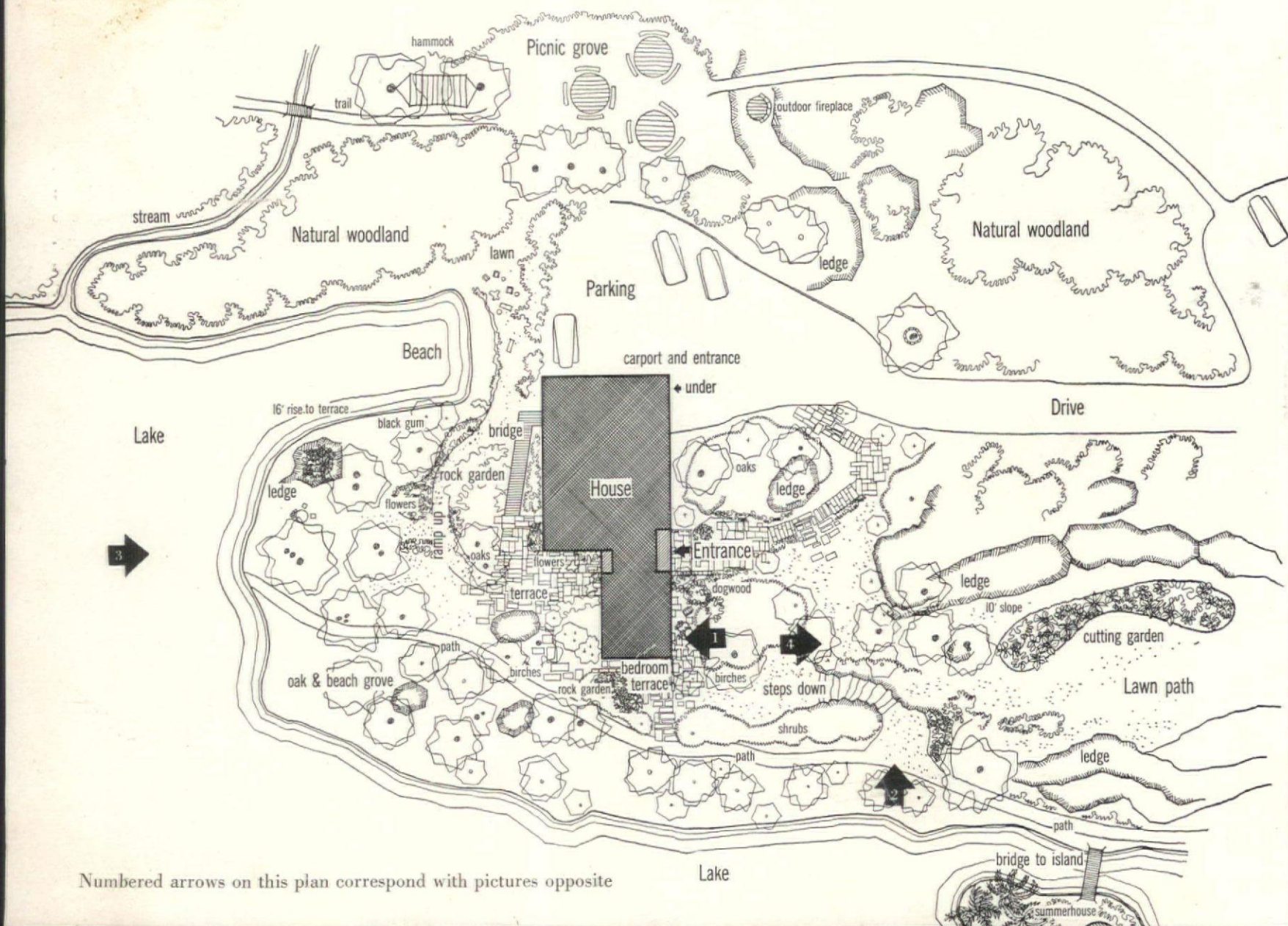
With proper landscaping and planting,

a new house need not be bleak.

Here are colorful gardens created in a single season

The gardens of the Dretzin house prove an important point: a house, even in its first year, need not settle for barren surroundings. Here every advantage nature provided has been enhanced and developed in the design of terraces, gardens and rockeries which give color and beauty throughout the year. Frederic V. Guinzburg, designer of alpine rock gardens, created a complete picture in one season with the collaboration of John Dunn in the landscape planting. A view of the house from the lake (3), which surrounds the property on three sides, shows how it was set on natural ledges among the existing trees. Beside the flagged terrace outside the bedroom (1) an old tree stump has been topped at four levels with different colored slates, whose soft tones pick up the blue-gray of the bark of the *Magnolia soulangeana* at one side, the greenish-grays of arenarias and the many reds of the coleus leaves, the gray-greens of the hemlocks in the woods beyond. The shiny green of pachysandra helps to blend the striped purple and white of dwarf petunias with the bright greenish-white of other coleus plants. Coming up the path from the island, you pass through a rockery (2) which was made by bulldozing and resetting natural granite rocks, to make plenty of planting pockets. To form the lawn area (4) at the top of the steps, 2000 yards of fill were used. Native (Continued on page 118)

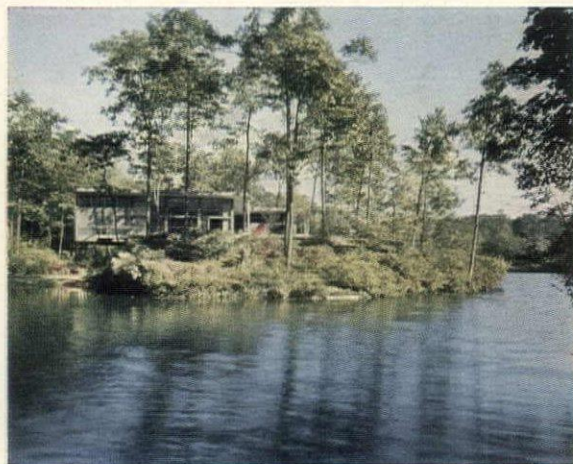
Built-up rockeries hold a variety of ferns at the carport entrance



Numbered arrows on this plan correspond with pictures opposite



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A room to sleep in

Your bedroom is a refuge from a hectic world; a well-dressed bed is its focal point

LIKE figures in a movie run at-the-double, we all rush through our days. The faster the speed-up, the greater is our need for rest. You are familiar with the simplest and the most effective sleep inducers: light, warm covers (electric blankets are excellent), the warm milk or cocoa on your bedside table, the pleasant book, the peaceful, reminiscent frame of mind (try to remember the names of your classmates in school and see if you can stay awake). There is another large contributor to sleep—your environment. Beginning with the mattress which cushions your body without sagging and the pillow which cradles your head, your entire bedroom can make or break a night's sleep. Avoid a nagging wallpaper design. Choose a scheme based on restful colors (these are the "receding" colors like green, blue, gray). Keep away from jangling tones such as strident yellows, reds, sharp blues or purples. Your room should be cheerful but not vibrant. Light (especially if you have a number of windows) should be susceptible to control. Don't try to sleep in a howling gale. It is enough if fresh air is constantly moving into your room. Plan your decoration so it is cozy but not cluttered (be sure that you have good storage space for your personal belongings so you have no temptation to strew them about). Most of all, make your bedroom a place which reflects your personal taste, a room where you feel at home. Hang the pictures you love on its walls, grow the plants you enjoy in the windows, assemble the books you like to read around you in this inner sanctum. Then relax. You will find that sleep is not far away.

Opposite

Dress up your bedroom with wrought iron

SET OFF the clear geometry of Salterini's wrought-iron furniture (new for bedrooms) with a romantic color scheme combining carnation pink and ruby red and underlined by the Adamo Boucléweave cotton carpet. The tidy stripes of Strahan's wallpaper are in keeping with the fine lines of the bed. Salterini double headboard, \$133 at Bloomingdale's, New York; Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney, St. Louis; Woodward & Lothrop, Washington, D. C. Sheets are by Fieldcrest, blankets by Springfield and gold-flecked upholstery material by Goodall. Full-size Spring-Air mattress costs \$49.50.

Complete shopping information on page 113.





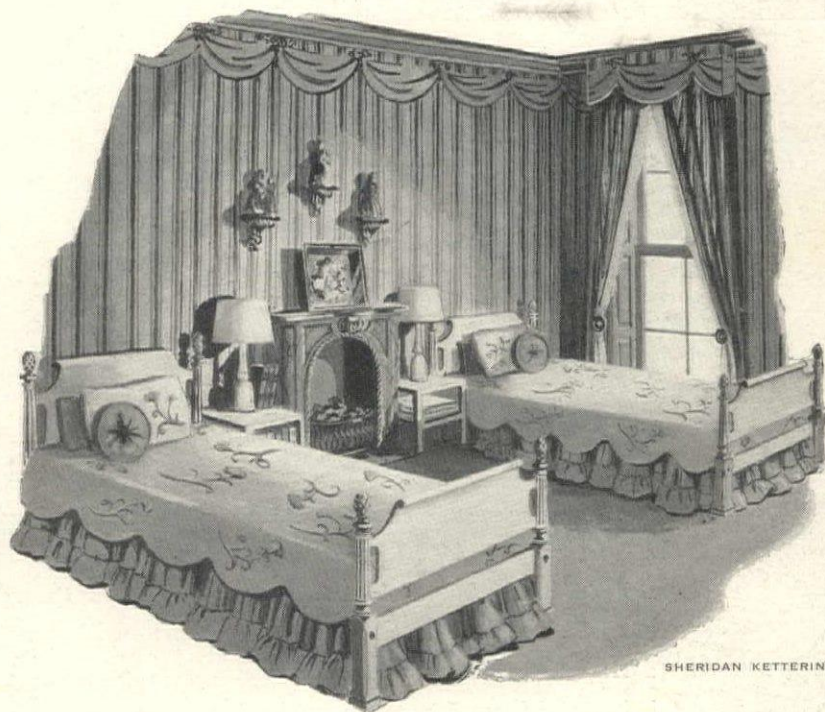
Choose cool,
restful colors

Blend citron yellows and greens, as Thedlow, Inc., has done in this New York bedroom. Spike them with emerald green. Here Italian commodes flank a bed upholstered and covered with geometrically quilted faille. Bamboo blinds echo the color scheme.

Opposite

Make a point of
practicality

Use one Needle tuft bedspread to cover your bed and cut up another one to slip cover your headboard and make a flounce. Practical, imaginative Mrs. Richard Newton did just that and chose the "Holiday" pattern for her bedroom. Each spread cost \$10.98. Mrs. Newton has curtains made of sheeting, edged with yellow cotton fringe. Both the bed covering and the curtains are always fresh because they launder perfectly. The walls of her bedroom are painted HOUSE & GARDEN's carnation pink.



SHERIDAN KETTERING

HAVE A VICTORIAN BEDROOM, solid maple beds by Kling, \$72 single, Jordan Marsh, Boston. Cabin Crafts "Carnation" spreads, embroidered red and green, \$19 ea., pillow shams, \$7.50 ea., flounces, \$9.95 ea., Altman, N. Y. Karpen mattresses, twin size, \$59.50 ea.

All prices are approximate



BLACK STAR

Use inexpensive fishnet as a canopy

Hang a canopy of fishnet, weighted with bold ball fringe and tassels, as Frances Elkins has done in her bedroom at Monterey, California. Set it against a diaphanous pink color scheme. The coolness of her finely-scaled marbleized mantel is in contrast with the shaggy rug and the fur throw on the foot of the bed. The almost austere simplicity of the bed contrasts with delicately ornamented French chairs, meticulously chosen bibelots.

CREATE A FRIENDLY MOOD in a country bedroom by having a shallow canopy at the head of a maple spool bed, cover your fireplace wall with pictures. The bed, by Statton, costs \$76, J. W. Robinson, Los Angeles. On it use a "Honeycomb" bedspread which Monument Mills copied from a document material and executed in a jacquard weave. It costs \$6 at McCreery's, New York. The Brandwein Sleep Selector mattress, full size, costs \$50.



SHERIDAN KETTERING

GAIN STORAGE SPACE by having twin beds with sliding head panels, right, in cherry with a tawny finish. They integrate well with low, built-in cabinets. The beds by Crawford are \$67 each at Wolf & Dessauer, Fort Wayne, Indiana. The "Heiress" design tufted, hobnail bedspreads by Morgan-Jones, Inc., are made in white and in 10 colors, single and double, all at one price, \$10, at Miller & Rhoads, Richmond, Virginia. Ostermoor mattress, twin size, costs \$50.



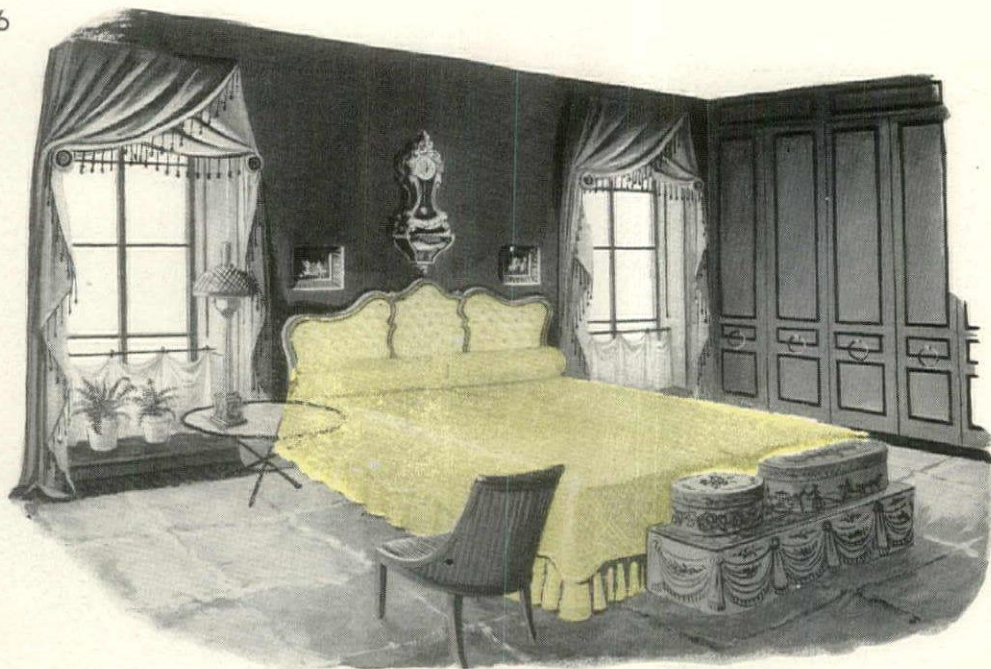
COTT HYDE



Plan your space well

IF YOU HAVE a small bed-sitting room like this one belonging to New York decorator, Charles Rawson, keep it tailored in line, quiet in color. Here the neat lines of the bolster and bed cover echo the crisp French architectural engravings, hung on blue tapes. The monochromatic color scheme, based on various shades of French blue, adds to the sense of spaciousness; the choice of charming accessories adds to the livability of this Empire bedroom.

All prices are approximate.



SIMPLIFY BED-MAKING by having twin beds that swing out from a double headboard. The handsome Provincial bed, left, by John Widdicomb, with the headboard in muslin is \$388 complete. The quilted taffeta bedspreads by Bloomcraft Products, \$25 ea. Bed and spreads at Lord & Taylor, N. Y. Eclipse Super Quiltress mattresses, twin size, \$69.50 each.



For coziness, set your
bed in a niche

Frame your bed with a niche. The bed in the room that Earnshaw, Inc., designed and decorated for Mr. and Mrs. Ira Haupt's daughter, Pamela, is covered with yellow silk keyed to the white-patterned, yellow material that lines the niche. Over the bed is a French wall bracket, painted white. A narrow French Provincial mirror hangs over a stripped pine, eighteenth-century Dutch commode.



Touch up a quiet
color scheme
with silver

This romantic bedroom, decorated by Frances Elkins, is in the Lake Forest house, designed by her brother, the late David Adler, for Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Keith. On antique needlepoint rugs stand ivory beds, the wall hangings and testers are of cream silk, the bedspreads embroidered linen. The wallpaper is silver, the commode silvered, plant stands lemon yellow and silver and the armchair is covered in white raw silk.

MAKE AN AIRY WHITE ORGANDY CANOPY for your bed, like the one at the right. Mahogany bed by Hungerford, with canopy frame costs \$128 at Sanger Bros., Dallas. "Lovely Lady" white, eyelet-embroidered organdy spread by the Graf Co. is \$30 at Paines, Boston. You can order organdy by the yard for a canopy. Simmons Beautyrest mattress, full size, \$59.50.



MAKE A POINT OF

nylon

You have had nylon in your clothes for years;
now nylon moves into your bed and living rooms
with subtle colors added to its practicality

Wound on bobbins, nylon yarn proceeds from the Du Pont factories to weavers, dyers and printers who are daily enlarging the scope of its beauty and usefulness for you. Today, you buy nylon in dozens of versions. Its chief characteristics are versatility, durability and elasticity. It dries quickly and resists mildew. Filmy bedroom curtains will stay pristine. Properly heat set in manufacture, they will keep their shape so impeccably that they need little or no ironing. Specifically, you could wash, dry and re-hang all the nylon curtains in your bed and bathroom in a single afternoon.

NEW IN NYLON

Taffeta, voile, velvet (which won't spot or watermark) and carpets of nylon are all made now in a remarkable range of subtle colors. You can have ratiné or net with printed patterns, webbing for modern furniture (all shown on page 107) and the carpet opposite which is made in a carved effect, one of three designs, or plain. Even sheer curtains are made in dozens of colors. This new test-tube product works well in traditional designs, such as a double-wedding-ring pattern bedside or bath rug and a woven Greek key curtain material (also page 107). Look for it as shower curtains, gaily and handsomely printed, as lace glass cur-

tains in tiny geometric designs and for bedspreads, dressing table petticoats, curtains and valances. You can also buy nylon taffeta, quilted, by the yard.

HOW TO USE NYLON

Because material woven of nylon is remarkably strong, use nylon thread, which is equally strong, when you sew it. (Nylon thread is durable, dries fast, won't shrink.) Always line nylon curtains with nylon, especially for curtains where good tailoring and satisfactory laundering are vitally important. Use sharp basting pins, a very sharp, fine needle and remember that nylon thread should always be cut, not broken. You will also need very sharp scissors because of the toughness of nylon—even pinking shears should be sharpened. If you are working on a sewing machine, the tension should be lowered until a well-formed but loose stitch is formed. Allow extra width for seams and stitch two seams, the second a quarter inch out from the first in the seam allowance. If you have occasion to iron nylon (not really necessary if it has been properly heat set), gauge the heat of your iron as you would for silk or for rayon, setting it at approximately 275 degrees.

Opposite

The nylon story:

now made in decorator colors,

it retains its better-known practicality

NYLON sets the scene for a lady-on-her-way-to-a-party. In the upper photograph, nylon appears in a handsome bedspread of Mallinson's "Nymal" taffeta, made by N. Sumergrade, \$50 at Altman's, New York; City of Paris, San Francisco. "Nymal" is made in 15 colors; the finish is permanent; it washes well, needs no ironing. Dress, Christian Dior—New York. All furniture by Baker. Lower left: indirect light falls softly through nylon marquisette curtains by Vogue-Robertson, 108" length, \$7.95 at Abraham & Straus, Brooklyn. These are made in white and six colors, are washable and dry smooth and crisp, require minimum ironing. Hat, Christian Dior—New York. Lower right: nylon appears as distinguished "Imperial Servana" carpet by Nye-Wait, \$30 a square yard at Marshall Field, Chicago; Barker Bros., Los Angeles; Lord & Taylor, New York. Choose from 10 colors with the assurance that it wears wonderfully. Slippers on model by Julianelli. All prices approximate. Shopping data is on page 108.



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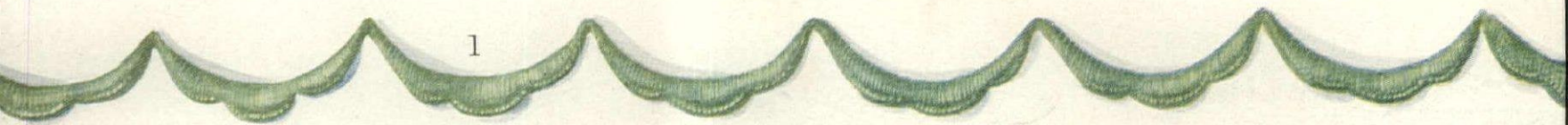
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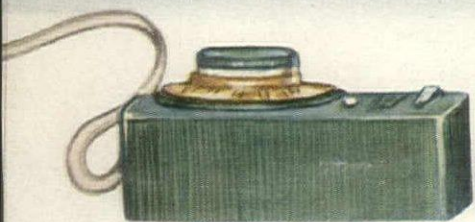
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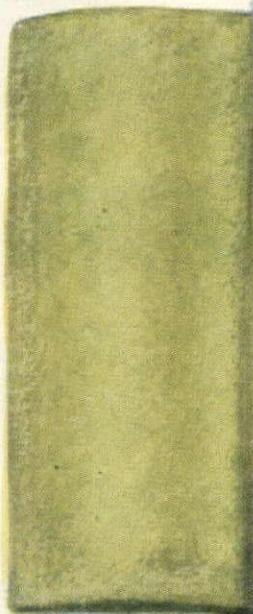
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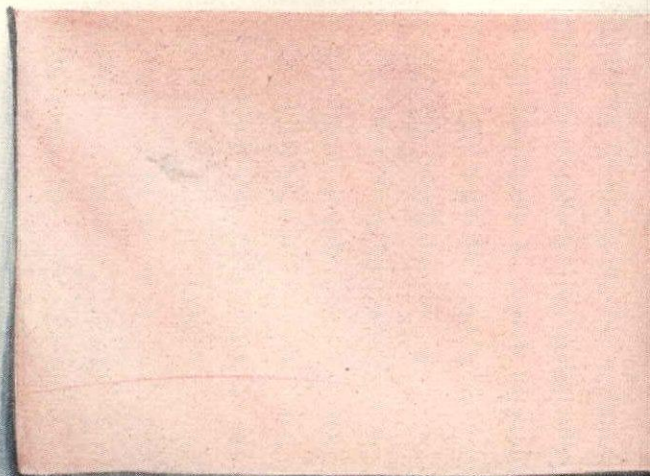
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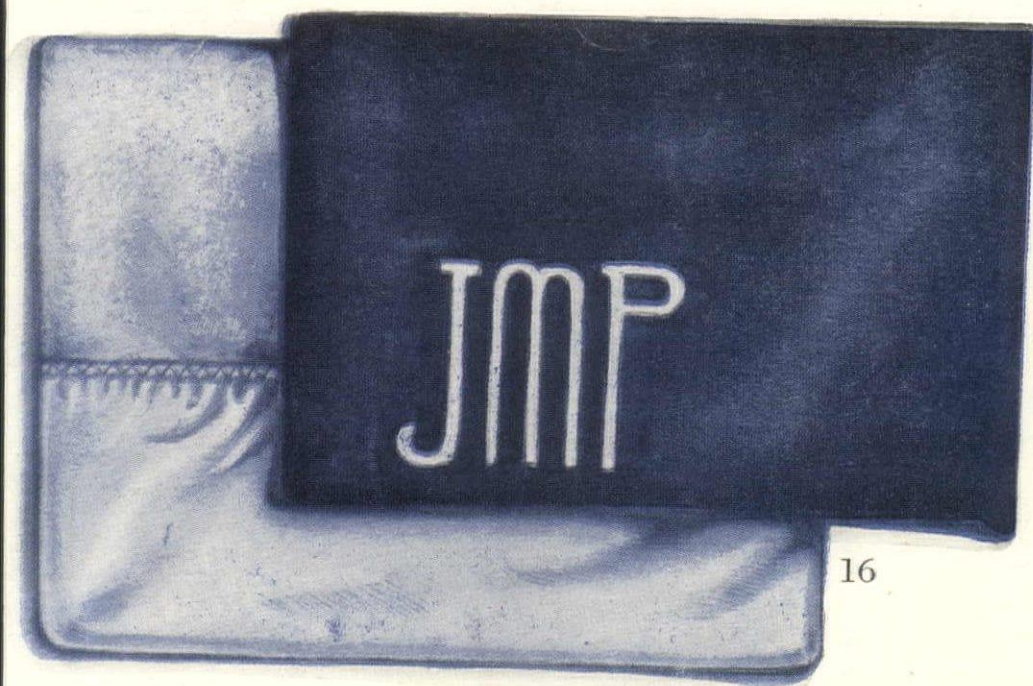
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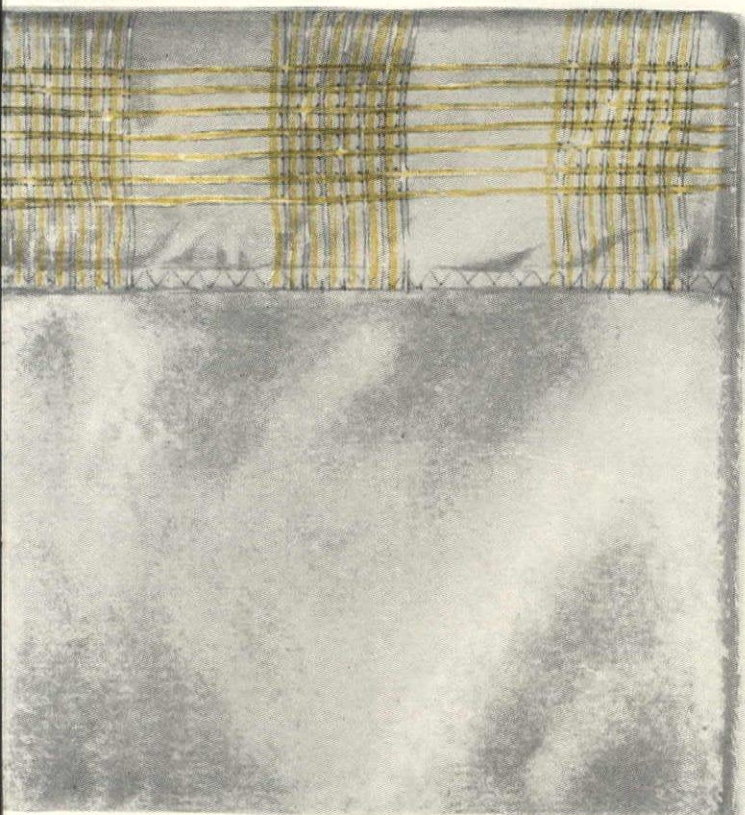


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What the well-dressed bed will wear: plaids, pastels and patterns

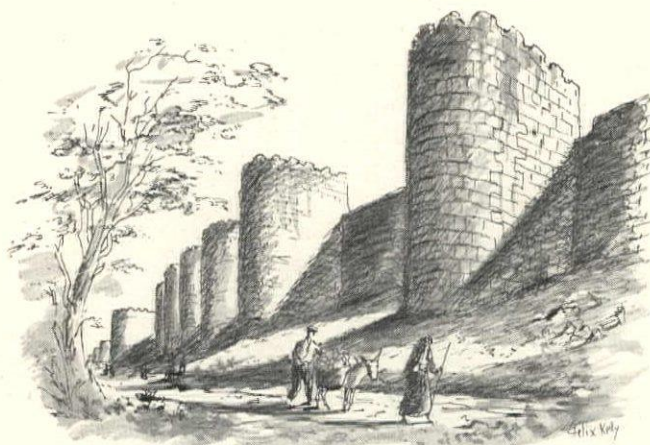
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NEW S OF THE YEAR: Plaids have invaded the bedroom as never before. Some of them are feminine, delicately scaled and pastel; some are bold and masculine, handwoven in wool. The white sheet is frequently enlivened with a touch of color, a decorative border. Favorite color is pale pink in various shades of HOUSE & GARDEN's carnation. The darker tones are particularly handsome with intricate monograms. On the practical side washable blankets are finished to eliminate almost all shrinking, to stay fluffy, to resist moths for five years. Sheets with permanently mitered corners are especially appropriate for youngsters' rooms, fit snugly, are easy to make up smoothly (further details on page 108). Opposite: FOR A GUEST ROOM. 1. Utica Beauticale sheets with colored scallops, \$4.90 single; \$5.90 double, Bloomingdale's, New York. 2. Three Weavers of Houston "Autumn" handwoven plaid wool throw, 54" x 72", \$15, Bloomingdale's, New York. Fieldcrest double-size electric blanket with single thermostatic control (6), \$39.95, Hudson's, Detroit. 3. LeCoultre leather clock with luminous dial and hands, \$49.95 including Federal tax, Marshall Field, Chicago. 4. Three-letter monogram, Mosse, New York. 5. "White Magnolia" perfume, \$1 for two ounces, \$1.75 for 3 7/8, including Federal tax, Helena Rubinstein, New York. 6. Control of the Fieldcrest blanket (2). 7. Two-letter monogram, Mosse, New York. FOR A YOUNG GIRL'S ROOM. 8. St. Marys Mexican Lime color "Lamar" blanket, in a soft, suède finish, 80" x 90", \$35, Bloomingdale's, New York. 9. "Millefleurs" gay printed double percale sheet with two pillowcases, \$30, Schoenfeld Linens, New York. FOR A BOY'S ROOM. 10. Springfield "Fortune" blanket, 72" x 90", will not mat, has minimum shrinkage, defies moths for five years, \$15, Carson Pirie Scott, Chicago. 11. Bates tartan-bordered percale sheet, 72" x 108", with a matching pillowcase, \$6.95, Lord & Taylor, New York. 12. "Snuff" eau de cologne, four ounces \$6, including Federal tax, Schiaparelli, New York. FOR A FEMININE ROOM. 13. Pequot pink sheet, 90" x 108", \$6.30, at Altman's, N. Y. 14. Chatham "Hollywood" blanket with Lurex-accented, cotton gingham banding, 72" x 90", \$23, B. Altman, New York. FOR A MASCULINE ROOM. 15. North Star "Zephyr" satin-bound blanket, 72" x 90", \$10; 80" x 90", \$33, Abraham & Straus, Brooklyn. 16. Wamsutta Supercal deep-tone sheet, 90" x 108", \$12.35, Lord & Taylor, New York. *Prices are approximate.*





TENTH-CENTURY WALLS ENCIRCLE THE TOWN OF AVILA

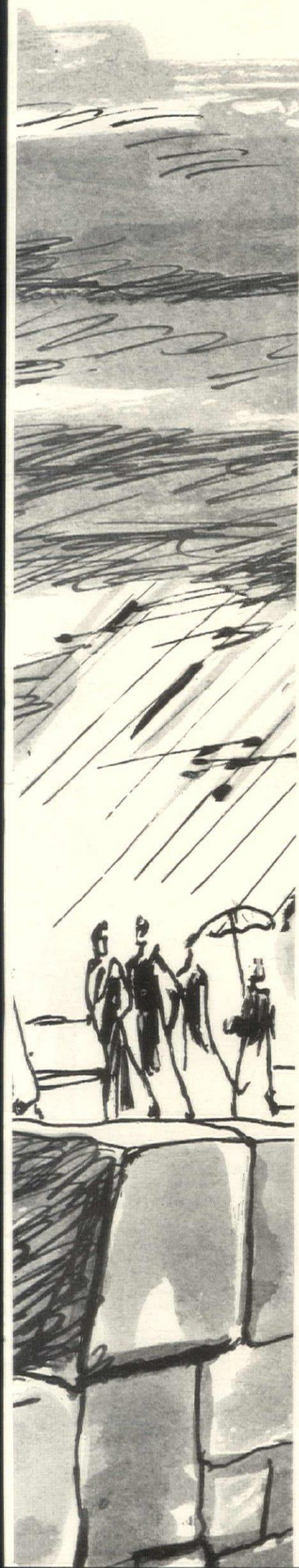
Essence of Spain

WHEN you think of Spain, you think of cathedrals and jet black mantillas, of fans, fringe and castanets. You think of Madrid, Seville, Barcelona; of Toledo, immortalized by El Greco, the painter from Crete, who depicted it in the backgrounds of his religious pictures behind saints and towering crosses, or looming grayly in a storm. You think of music, of Isaac Albéniz and Manuel De Falla, both inspired by the eloquent contrasts of rhythm in the folk melodies of Andalusia; of the imperious grace of the formal Spanish dance, the glorious fury of the Flamenco; of bull fights. You think of Cervantes and García Lorca; of Saint Teresa of Avila, whose ecstatic extravagances were typical of the intense religiosity that made Spain under Philip II the focus of the spiritual world. You think also of the three Catalan artists, Picasso, Miró and Dalí; of Picasso's very early cubist landscapes, which as Gertrude Stein pointed out are hardly more cubist than the villages they represent; of the opalescent light that permeates many of Dalí's metamorphic landscapes; of the humor of Miró, at times near buffoonery, at times as light as lace. You think of the lucid objectivity of Velázquez, the savage satire, the tenderness, compassion and luminous humanity of Goya.

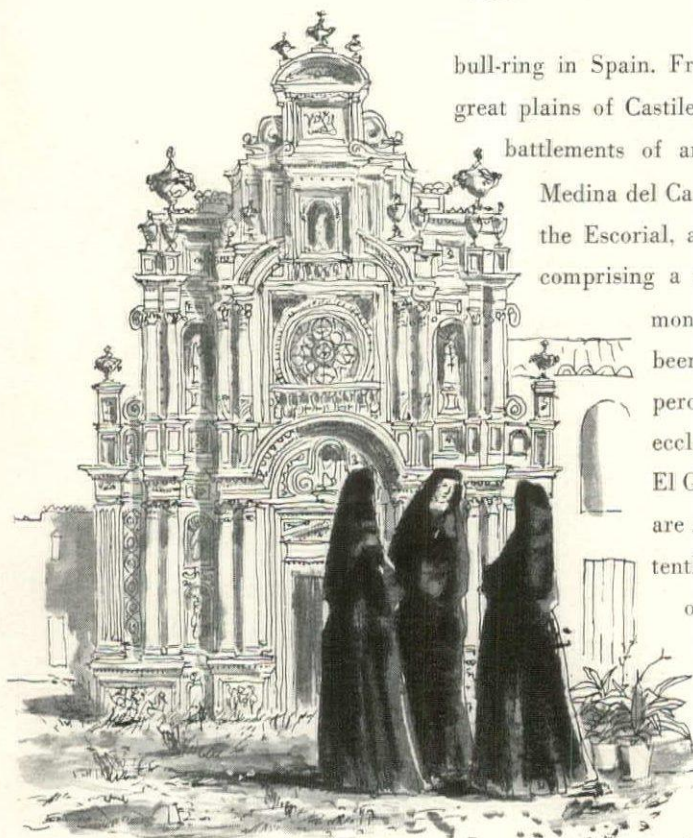
TO go to Spain, you fly directly from New York to Madrid on Trans World Airlines in about 20 hours, or from New York to Barcelona on Pan American World Airways in about 20 hours. (Other airlines and steamship companies on page 121.) Madrid is a city that looks in certain sections like Washington, D.C., in others like Paris and, in others, like itself. Time has brought about the contradictions that exist in any large metropolis and which, from the traveler's point of view, add piquancy. Thus modern thoroughfares, accoutered for today, exist beside streets and squares that have been visited by Hapsburg and Bourbon kings. Madrid has the Prado, one of the world's great museums, an abundance of religious architecture—the Hermitage of San Antonio de la Florida with frescoes by Goya is especially interesting—and the largest (Continued on page 74)

Opposite

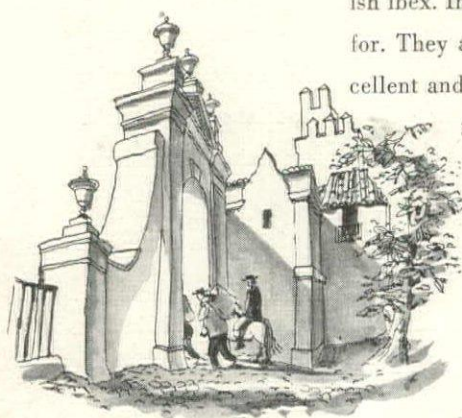
PRIESTS WALKING BELOW THE ALCÁZAR OF SEGOVIA, DRAWN BY FELIX KELLY



Spain continued



CHURCH, JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA,
NEAR CADIZ.



TO MARKET IN ANDALUSIA

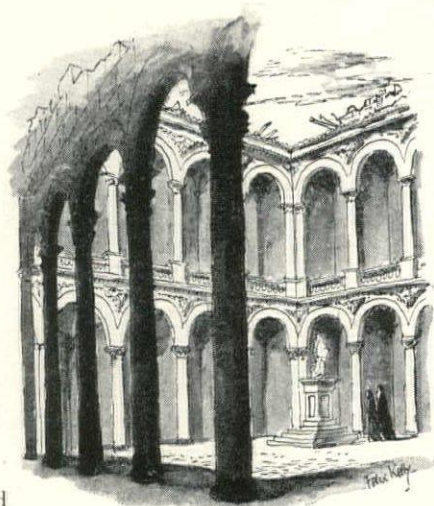
bull-ring in Spain. From Madrid it is an easy matter to visit the great plains of Castile, broken spasmodically by tall sierras or the battlements of ancient castles such as Turégano, Coca and Medina del Campo. Less than an hour's drive from Madrid is the Escorial, a vast structure erected between 1563-84, and comprising a royal palace, mausoleum, church, college and

monastery; also the town of Toledo, which has rightly been declared a National Monument. This historic town, perched on a high, rocky hill, contains a dazzling array of ecclesiastical architecture, and the house and museum of El Greco. Less than two hours from Madrid by car or train, are Avila and Segovia. The former, enclosed by a brooding tenth-century wall still in perfect condition, was the home of the great Spanish mystic, Saint Teresa (a subject of the Gertrude Stein-Virgil Thomson opera, *Four Saints in Three Acts*). It contains one of the finest cathedrals in the country, a remarkable building, combining Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque styles. Segovia, situated on the northern slope of the Sierra de Guadarrama, lies between the rivers

Eresma and Clamores. At their juncture rises the Alcázar on a rocky height, looking rather like the prow of some fantastic ship. Dominating the town is a fine Gothic cathedral, but the most important monument is a beautiful Roman aqueduct that passes through and unites two hills. Avila can be conveniently visited en route to the Parador de Gredos, a mountain hotel run by the Spanish State Tourist Department in the sierra, not far from the great preserve of Spanish ibex. Incidentally, the government hotels and inns are well worth watching for. They are attractive, clean, well-serviced and inexpensive; the food is excellent and simple. Barcelona, the gray-stone Mediterranean port in Catalonia, rises to the hills spotted with conical pines. Around the old section—a maze of narrow streets, crowded with fascinating old buildings—stretch the leafy suburbs of more recent vintage. Here are parks and tree-lined avenues, the finest of the latter being the flower-stalled Las Ramblas. A few miles inland is the monastery of Montserrat in a fabulous mountain setting, while 25 miles south of Barcelona lies the attractive seaside town of Sitges. Further south is Andalusia, a magical, mys-

terious region which includes these melodious sounding towns—Seville, Granada, Cordova, Málaga and Arcos de la Frontera—and such Moorish monuments as the Alhambra in Granada and the Mosque at Cordova.

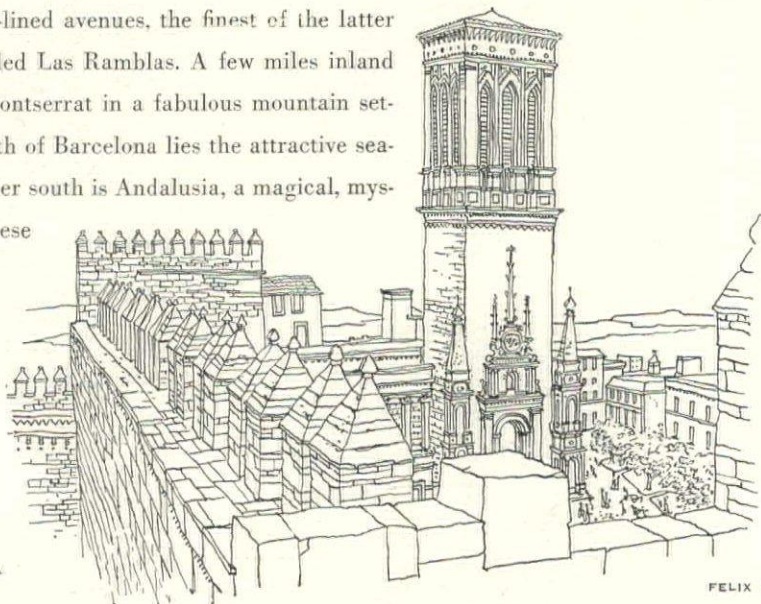
ARCOS DE LA FRONTERA, ANDALUSIA



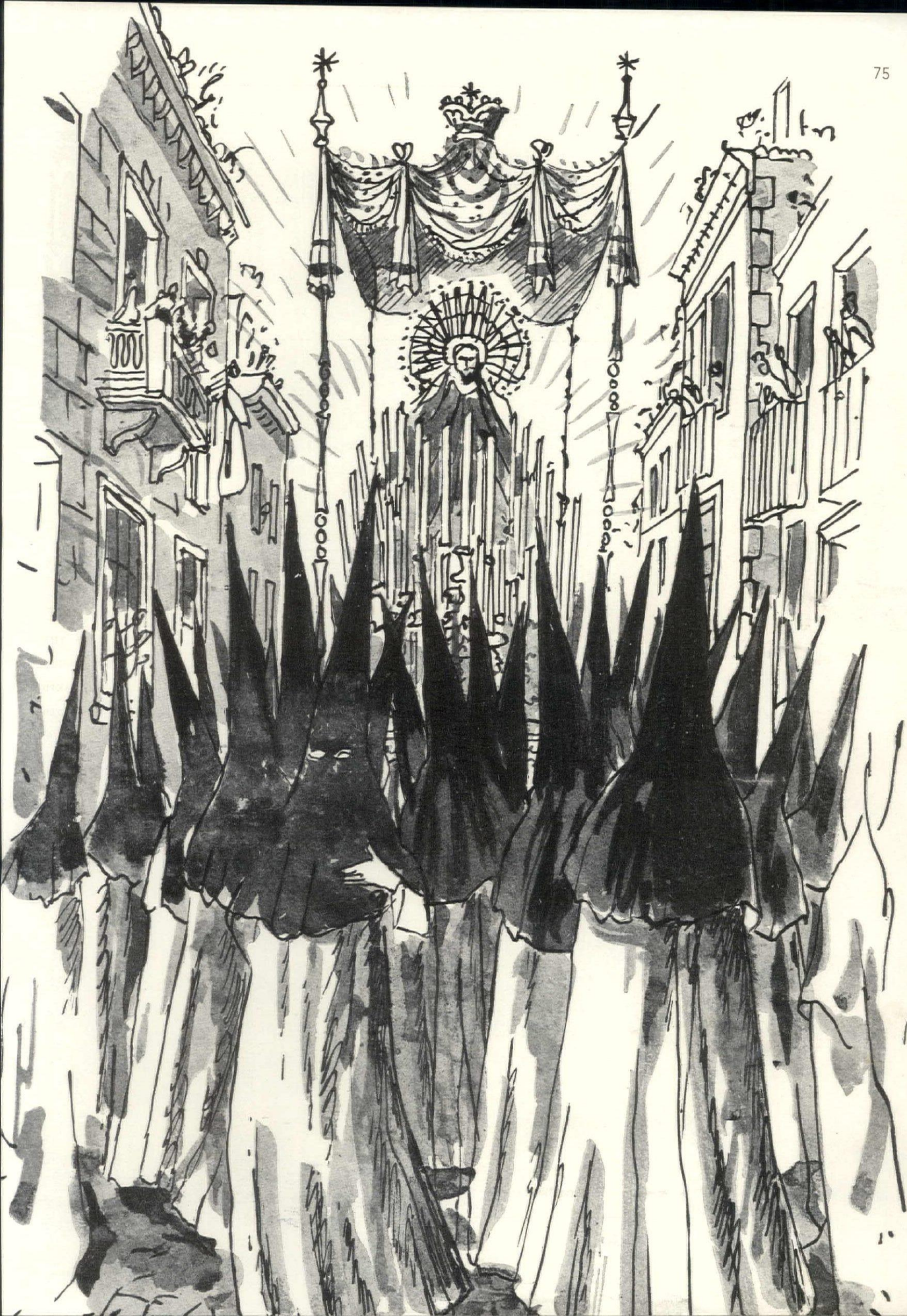
RUINED PATIO IN TOLEDO

Opposite

PARTICIPANTS IN THE
HOLY WEEK PROCESSION
AT SEVILLE WEAR PEAKED
MASKS THAT ORIGINATED
IN THE MIDDLE AGES.

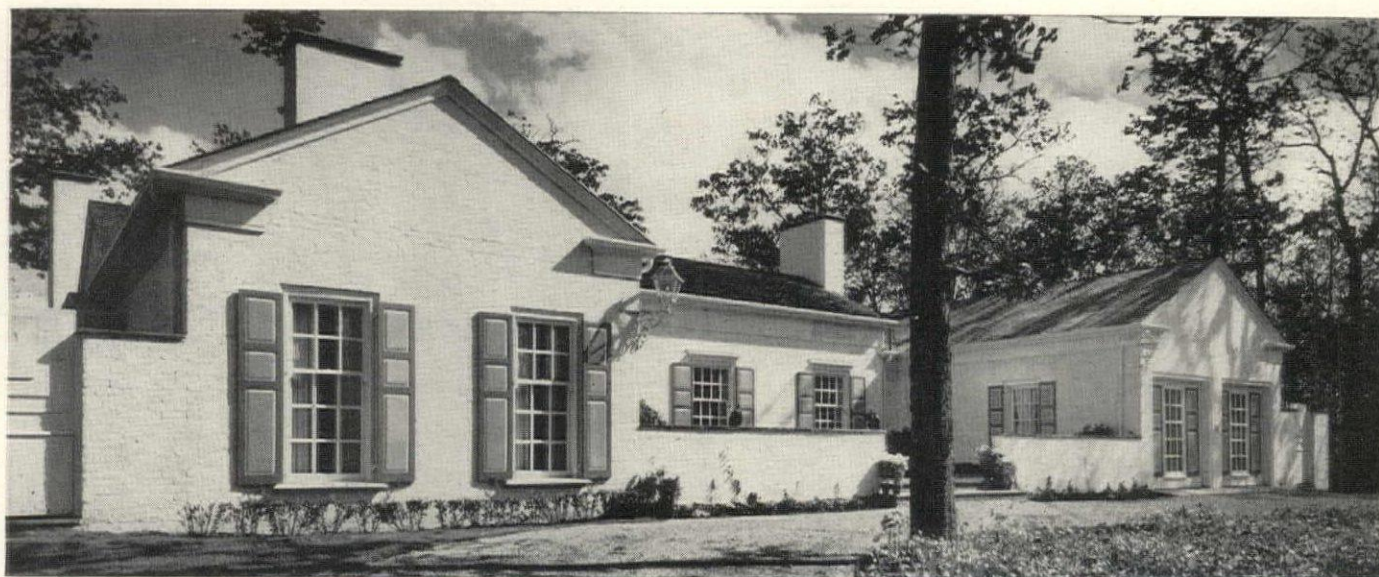


FELIX KELLY





If building a small house on a small lot is your problem, this house and two others on the following pages will show you how to make the most of both house and lot

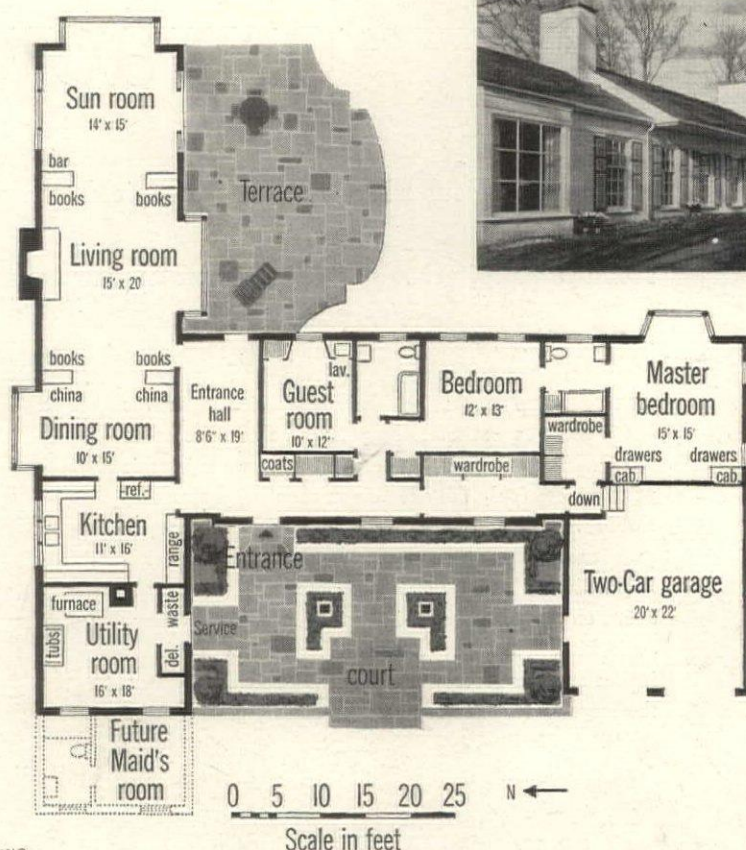


SEMI-CIRCULAR DRIVEWAY gives easy access to the front entrance, service door and garage located in three parts of this one-story brick house

MAKE A POINT OF

good details

The fine features of this pleasant house are evidence that a small house need not be commonplace. Designed by architect Jerome Cerny for Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Wyle, discerning taste is apparent in carefully detailed windows, doorways, shutters and cornice. Interior features, equally urbane, add usefulness. The house, in Highland Park, Illinois, spreads in wings one room deep so all main rooms enjoy cross circulation and a good view of Lake Michigan. It offers the advantages of a ranch-house plan without rusticity. The Wyles, whose children are grown-up and married, gave up a big country place when they built this all-on-one-floor house last spring. They say the freedom from servant problems, the ease and independence of a small house like this one are "impossible to imagine until you live in one."



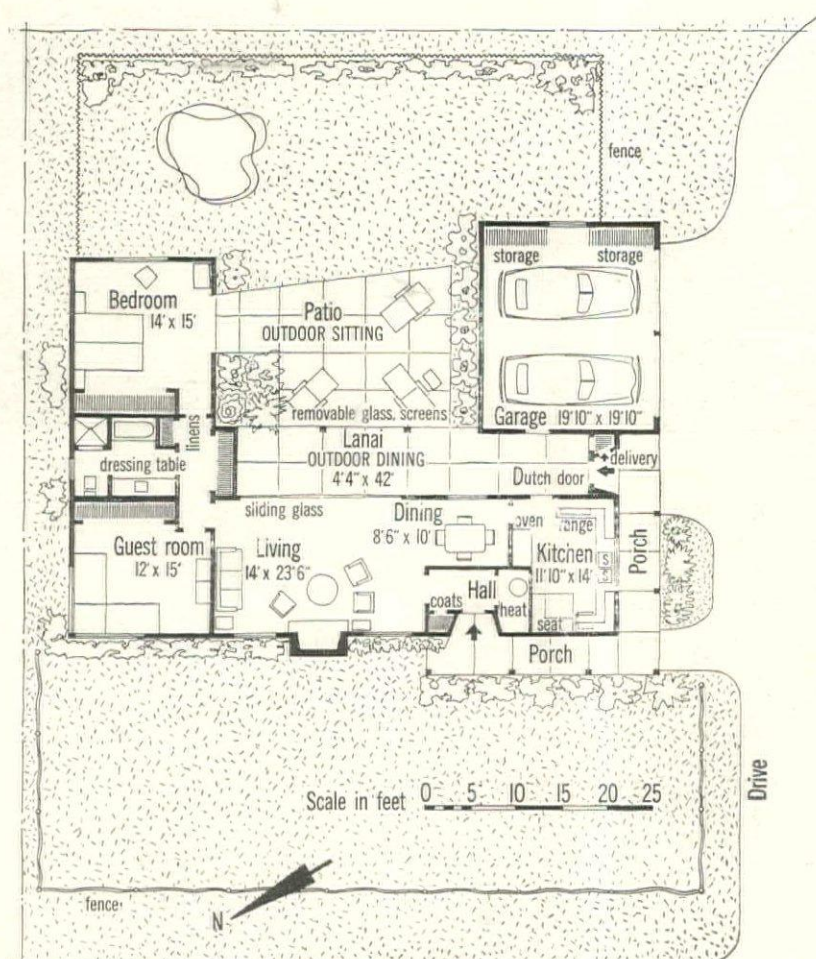
HOUSE PLAN is well organized. Living room is partly divided into living, dining and sun rooms by book and china cases and can be used as one large area for entertaining. It opens onto south terrace (small picture above), overlooks lake and flower garden. Sun room becomes open porch in summer. Kitchen is convenient to front door and main rooms but well separated from them. It serves rear terrace through the wide reception hall. Service vestibule permits tradesmen to leave packages, read meters, remove trash without disturbing household. Three bedrooms occupy a separate wing; garage is just a step from owner's bedroom. Storage extends along bedroom wing gallery. Entrance court, on opposite page, has easily maintained paving (flagstone and pebbles), lead sculpture, white lanterns, blue-gray shutters against white walls.

For building data see page 102



GOTTSCHO-SCHLEISNER

THE PATIO is at the core of the house (bedrooms are at left, garage at right). Main rooms lead out to it; entertaining centers here six months out of the year. In winter, the roofed lanai is walled in glass; sliding doors join it with the living room.



MAKE A POINT OF *privacy*

Even a small suburban property can yield you a secluded patio, privacy for every room in your house

THE U-SHAPED FLOOR PLAN, left, makes the wings of the house serve as walls for the patio. A decorative cedar fence encloses the fourth side. Most windows enjoy this private view (only the guest room required a screen of shrubs). Both entrances are reached from the motor court under cover of the porch. The side door is especially practical: alongside of it is a closet for deliveries; it opens on the lanai which in turn leads to living room, patio, kitchen and garage. The screened wall of the lanai invites summer breezes into the living room. In winter, the large screens are replaced by sliding glass panels.



TEXTURED MATERIALS at the entrance have a pleasing country air; roof is of split cedar shakes, walls of fir board and batten

THE plan of the average small lot, with its stretch of lawn in front and patch of garden in the rear, is about as private as the street it faces. But although their property in West Orange, New Jersey, is only 92 by 92 feet, Mr. and Mrs. John Barkhorn determined that privacy would come first on their list. In summer they wanted to be able to lounge and dine outdoors (but not under the neighbors' windows); in winter they wished to avoid feeling hemmed in. Mr. Barkhorn, who has built a number of houses, took advantage of his past experience and designed his own house in a U-shape to swing around a pleasant patio. The combination living room and lanai are the base of the U (see plan), garage and bedroom wings form the enclosing arms. The patio is open to the sun, the lanai shaded and screened, the living room cool and remote. In cold weather, the fireplace enlivens the living room and a wide view of the patio dispels the shut-in feeling of winter months. For additional photographs and a list of building materials and equipment used in this house, turn to page 112.



THE LANAI is cool in summer (wide eaves offer shade), sunny in winter (when the sun's rays are lower). The Barkhorns find it ideal for informal dining the year round.



UPKEEP IS NO PROBLEM. The paving is concrete; cushions are waterproof; plants are all in pots; the lawn is mowed in 20 minutes.



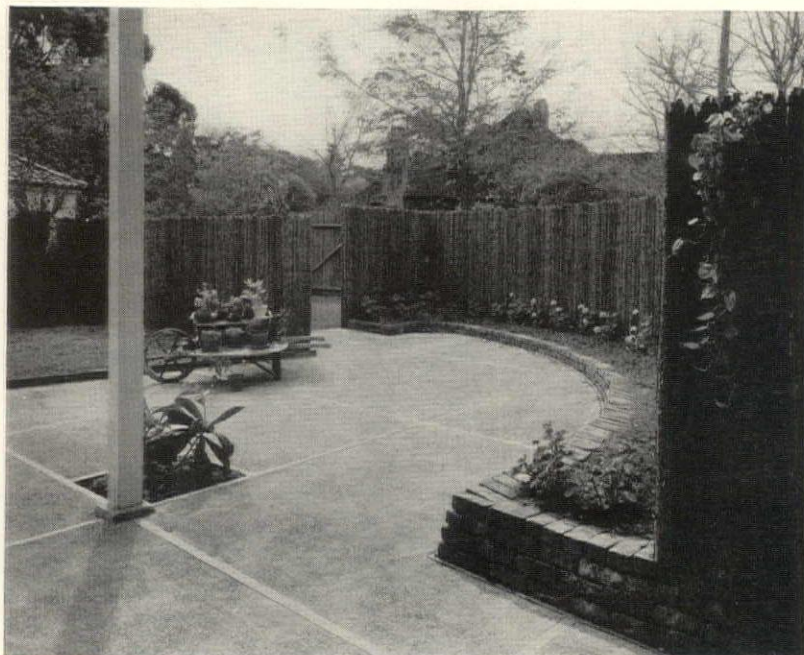
THE TERRACE, as pretty as a garden, is simple to care for. There are potted flowering plants for color, boxes of Cape jasmine for fragrance. *Dichondra repens* ground cover needs infrequent mowing, paving can be washed down in minutes. A small swimming pool will be added later on.

MAKE A POINT OF site planning

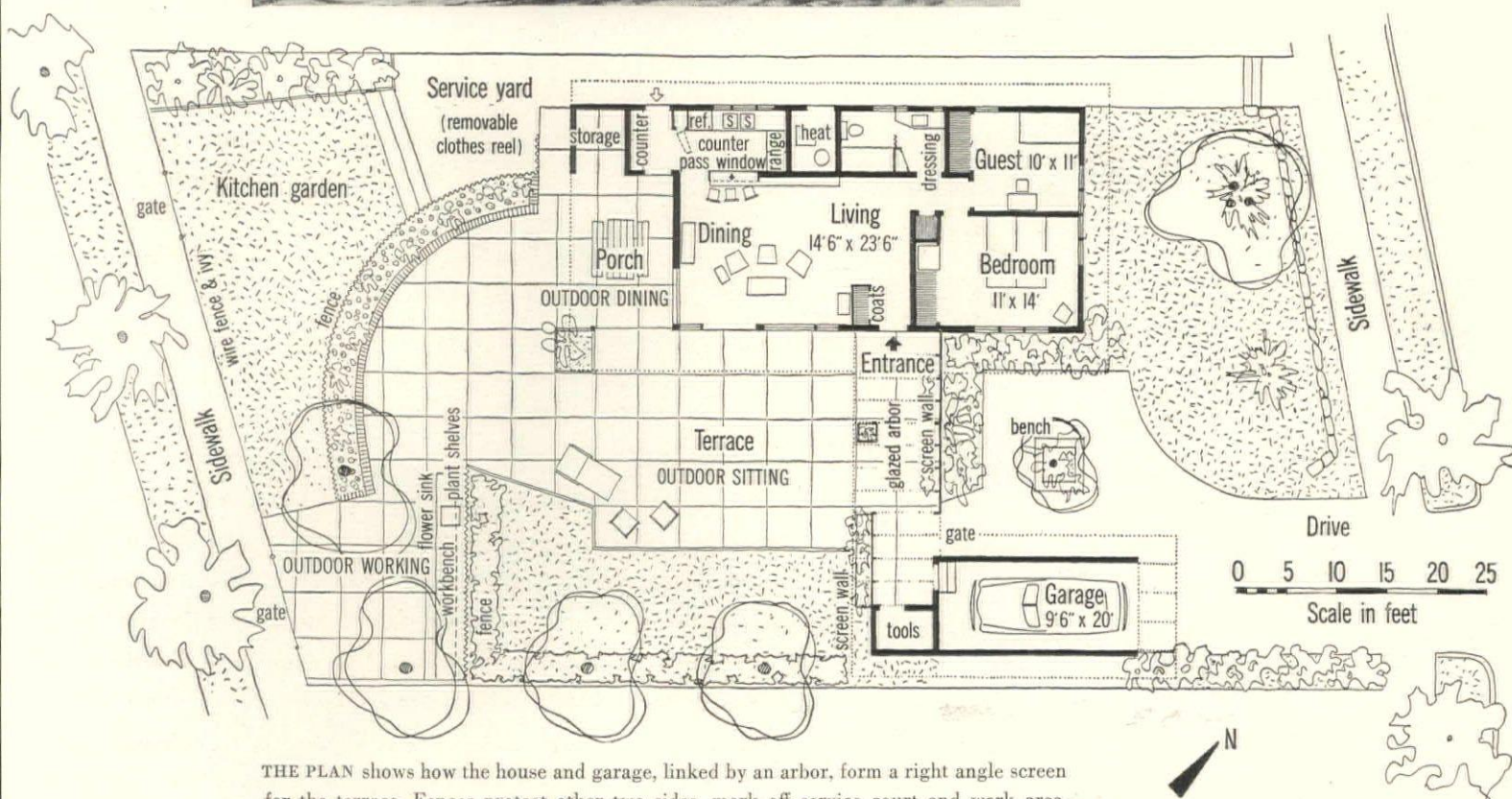
You can find room on a small lot for a
comfortable house and terrace.

Gardening can be cut to two and a half hours a week

IF your space is small, good planning is doubly essential. Mr. Ritchie Lowry's house at Burlingame, California, was planned, together with its site, to fit maximum livability into a small lot (60' x 110'). Working together, architect Francis E. Lloyd and landscape architect Douglas Baylis agreed on two basic methods for achieving this: (1) placing the house off to one side where it could serve as a screen for the terrace and also as a baffle against strong winds; (2) using supplementary fences for privacy and to mark off various outdoor areas. To avoid starkness, Mr. Baylis used vines and flowers against the many fences. For variety, one fence is of horizontal boards, another of vertical redwood pickets, a third of wire laced with ivy. Within the limited area of the house (about 22' x 52'), Mr. Lloyd has included two bedrooms, a large living-dining room, porch, kitchen and bath-dressing room. Good details: a breakfast counter combined with a pass window: doorway from kitchen to porch for easy service of outdoor meals; space for storage of garden furniture; closet for garden tools; two storage walls that assure quiet for the bedrooms.



IDEAS increase the pleasure and usefulness of this small lot. Above, a glass covered arbor shelters the walk from gate to door. Wistaria in the planting square will climb up the post to frame the doorway. Upper left, a peat-filled flower bed with perennial border is ideal for potted plants. When past their bloom, they may be removed to fence-enclosed work area for rest and repotting. Left, a screen wall hides terrace from street. Gate lock opens electrically from indoors.



THE PLAN shows how the house and garage, linked by an arbor, form a right angle screen for the terrace. Fences protect other two sides, mark off service court and work area.

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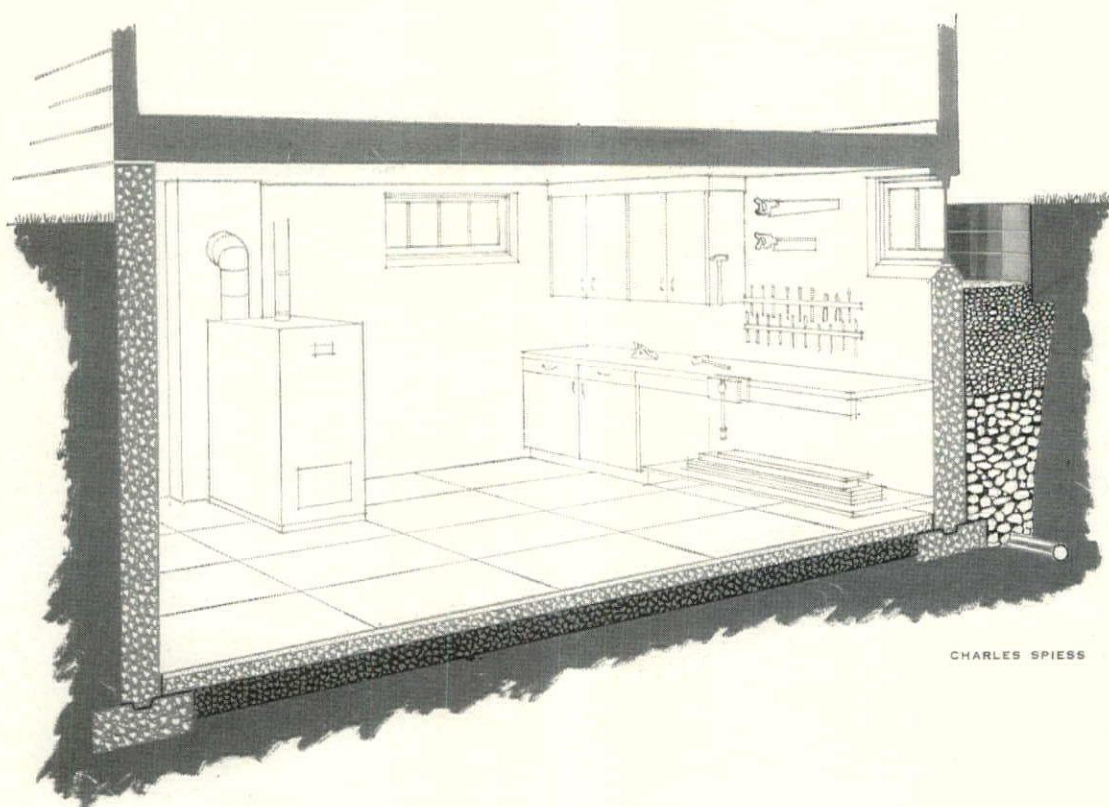
To build or not to build a basement

IT is an old cliché but still a true one that your house will only be as sturdy as its foundations—its whole stability depends upon their soundness. They determine whether or not the front door will sag and the windows jam, if the walls will crack and the floor slope, if you will have to contend with the creaks and leaks that occur in a house which settles unevenly. They also help to decide how dry and warm your basement or ground floor will be, what protection there will be from decay and termites. Sound methods of building the foundations are clearly prescribed today. The major ones are outlined in this discussion and illustrated on these two pages. They present you with several choices. Do you want a full basement? Do you want a basementless house? Will you compromise with a clearance of several feet between house and ground called a "crawl space"; with a partial basement for heating equipment? Your decision

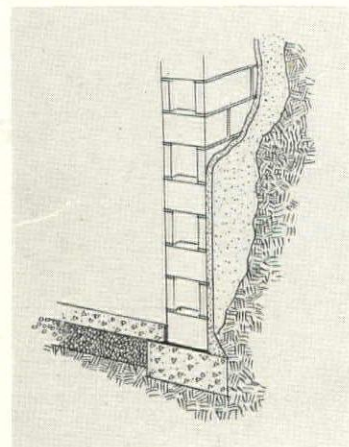
will affect the method of building the foundations and also your floor plan and the kind of heating and other equipment you install. Here are the factors to weigh:

WHAT ARE YOUR STORAGE REQUIREMENTS? A full basement under the whole house affords space for storm sash and screens, awnings, garden furniture and tools, children's bicycles, sleds and the like, household tools and equipment, luggage, firewood, trash containers, etc. This may not be the handiest place for many of these things, however. If there is no outside door, the problem of carrying some of these articles up and down basement stairs is serious and hazardous. Adding compact cabinets and closets (sized to fit specific items) to garage and kitchen can give you more useful storage space.

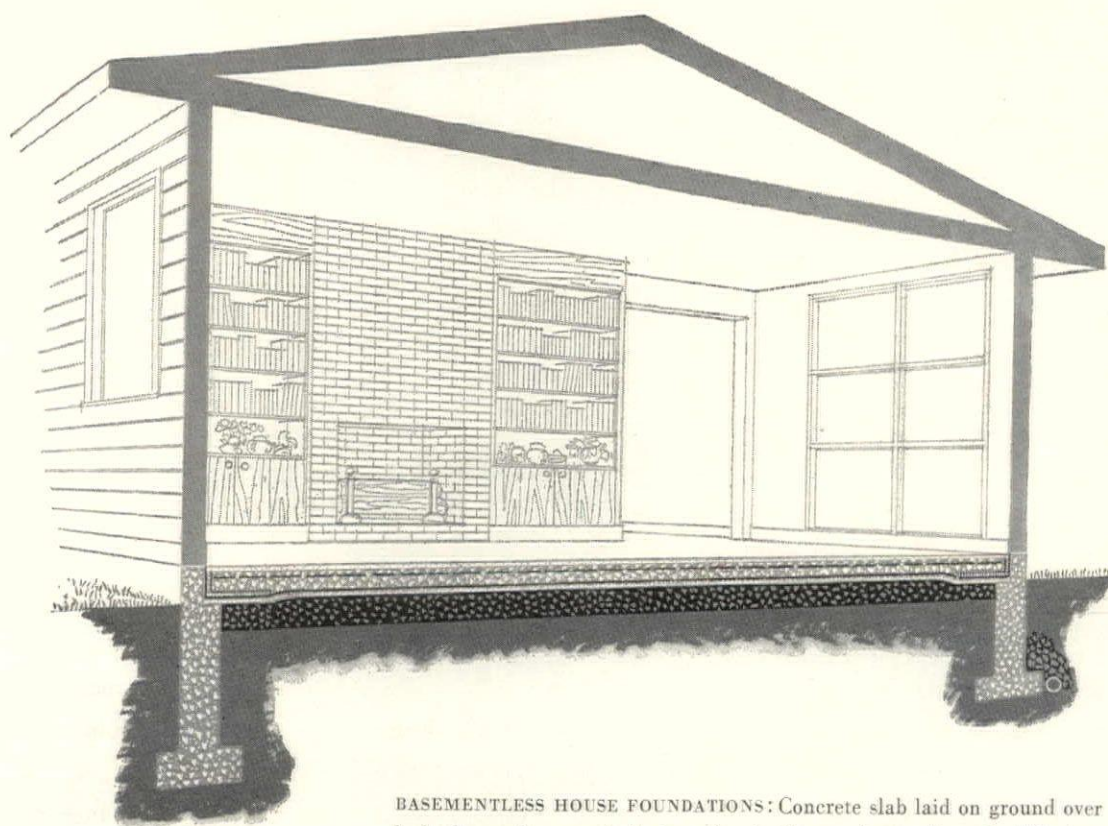
WHERE WILL YOU BUILD YOUR HOUSE? Whether you build in a warm, moderate or cold climate often settles the cellar problem.



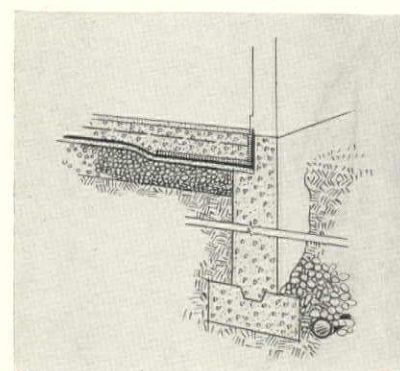
FULL BASEMENT: Left, poured concrete walls, footings to support them and floor slab. Below, basement wall of concrete block (or tile or brick) has 2 coats of waterproofed cement plaster. Drainage through gravel, stone, drain tile (next to footing) around house. Extent of waterproofing depends on soil moisture, wall material.



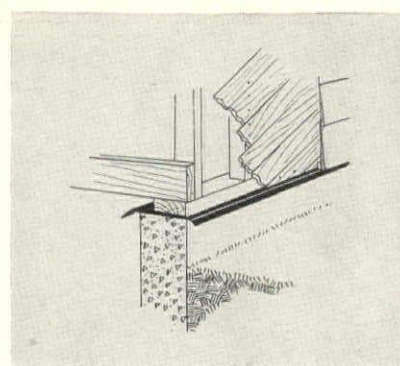
FULL BASEMENT CONSTRUCTION



BASEMENTLESS HOUSE FOUNDATIONS: Concrete slab laid on ground over bed of gravel or crushed stone (protection against moisture). All edges of slab are insulated, underside is waterproofed. Concrete foundation walls; footings extended below frost line in cold climates. Detail, above right, shows construction. Protection against decay, moisture, termites, in basement construction, by wood preservatives, termite shields, right.



SLAB FOUNDATION CONSTRUCTION



TERMITE PROTECTION WITH WOOD PRESERVATIVE, METAL SHIELDS.

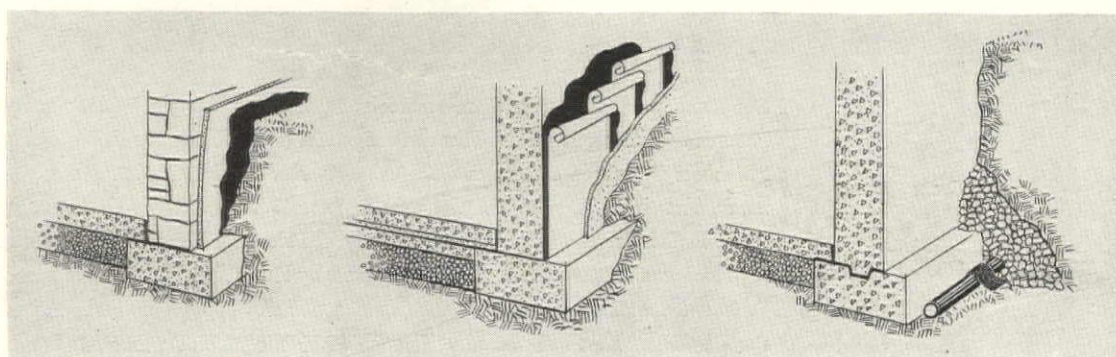
In warm-weather zones, foundations need not be deep; basements are generally eliminated in favor of space that is higher and drier. But in cold areas the footings must go below frost level. If they don't, the freezing and thawing of the earth can disturb the foundations of a house, twist its frame, crack its walls. If you must dig deep foundations anyway, it is usually logical and economical to have a full basement. In moderate climates, where houses are heated part of the year, building or not building a basement usually depends on the following:

WHAT KIND OF SOIL DOES YOUR LOT HAVE? If the soil is rocky, the cost of excavating will be high; however, the house will be securely anchored. If land is low and wet, there is probably ground water or a spring nearby; a basement on such a lot would need costly waterproofing or an electric pump and might never be satisfactory. If the soil is sandy or has loam or gravel,

it will afford good drainage and there should be no drawbacks to a basement. If you build on filled ground, your house may settle disastrously. So investigate soil conditions carefully.

DOES THE LAND SLOPE? It is usually easy and desirable to include a basement floor in houses on sloping sites. The sloping contour makes less excavation necessary and it may permit you to have a cellar door and full windows above ground. Or it may make a basement garage possible. If the lot slopes below the street level, however, you may not be able to install a basement laundry; the city sewer connection will be located at a higher grade than your plumbing and water won't flow uphill.

HOW DO YOU PLAN TO HEAT THE HOUSE? Basement space is necessary for gravity hot water and warm-air heating systems, for a steam heating system. Forced warm air and hot water heating systems (including radiant panels) (Continued on page 119)



DAMP-PROOFING

MEMBRANE WATERPROOFING

INTEGRAL WATERPROOFING

WATERPROOFING METHODS for poorly drained soil. Damp-proofed masonry walls with two 1/4" waterproofed coats of portland cement plaster and hot bituminous coating. Membrane waterproofing has layers of roofing felt, impregnated with hot asphalt on outside of walls and under foundation slab. Integral waterproofing has water-repellent substance mixed in concrete.



A buffet that is easy on the purse and the hostess

Simple menu: onion soup, ham casserole, salad, wine. Simple setting: sunny colors, good design, pleasant prices. These are ingredients of a Young Marrieds' party. Stangl "Blueberry" covered casseroles \$1.75 ea., 10" salad bowl \$3.25, 10" plates \$2 ea., Altman's, New York. Cambridge "Jefferson" glasses 70c ea., pitcher \$3, Schampan's Gift Shop, Rutherford, N. J. Westmorland "John & Priscilla" silver, 6-pc. place setting \$27 incl. Fed. tax. Simtex tablecloth \$4, designed by Russel Wright, at Abraham & Straus, Brooklyn. Hurricane lamps are \$20 a pair, at R.L.S. Shops, New York, N. Y. Wooden trays by Shenandoah Community Workers \$7.50 and \$6.50. At Lewis & Conger, N. Y. Bread basket \$1.85, wine basket \$4.65, double plate warmer \$13.50, casserole \$8.45, 9" salad servers \$1.10 are from Bazar Français, New York. *All prices are approximate.*

Eighteenth-century graces

A selection of recorded symphonies
and quartets by the indefatigable Mr. Haydn

Baked ham stretches the budget

THE price of food being what it is, everyone is angling for ways to stretch the dollar. Each month you hope a miracle will lift the family budget out of the red. Just when you think success is near, you find yourself forced into giving a party. Business associates arrive in town or that charming couple you met on your summer vacation, but no matter who or why, when you give a party there is always that little matter of food lurking in the background.

A baked ham is the economical answer. It costs less per pound than hamburger, keeps almost indefinitely, and is good to the last sliver. With judicious planning, the left-over nubbins may be served to the family for days—even the bone can be salvaged for soup stock.

When a baked ham is suggested, most of us visualize rows of cloves dotting a blanket of brown sugar. Why hams are usually baked in this manner, no one seems to know. Nothing is more difficult to carve, and when you re-cook the stray bits, it is a problem to eliminate the elusive clove and disguise the sweetish flavor of the meat.

All foods take kindly to subtle seasoning—that is, if it is subtle. Add a suggestion of herbs and spice to the broth in which your ham steams ever so gently. Let the ham linger here until cool; it will be much juicier and the additional seasoning will heighten its smoky flavor.

HERE BROTH FOR HAM IN OVEN. Wash and weigh ham. (A picnic or shoulder ham should be soaked overnight.) Place in roaster. Chop fine 2 onions, 2 carrots, leaves from 1 bunch celery, ½ bunch parsley. Add to ham. Mix together ½ cup honey, ¼ cup vinegar, and ¼ teaspoon each of thyme and sweet basil. (Continued on page 139)

THE Haydn Society, an organization dedicated to the publication of Haydn's complete works, has announced its intention of recording a large number of them on LP records. So far they have brought out seven symphonies on three records, all excellently performed by the Vienna Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Jonathan Sternberg. Record No. 1001 contains *The Symphony No. 1 in D Major*, an agreeable if undistinguished work, which might have been written by almost any eighteenth-century composer; *The Symphony No. 13 in D Major*, a work of considerably more dash and individuality with a lovely *adagio*; and *The Symphony No. 28 in A Major*, an engaging composition, perhaps most notable for its minuet. Record No. 1002 contains two symphonies of greater maturity, *The Symphony No. 31 in D Major* and *The Symphony No. 34 in D Minor*, of which the latter with its melancholy opening movement and relatively broad structure is the more compelling. With *The Symphony No. 44 in E Minor*, it constitutes the most moving portion of this series; for *The Symphony No. 48 in C Major*, which completes the last record, is a festive, triumphant affair, brilliantly orchestrated with elegant trumpet flourishes. Interest in these compositions lies not only in their intrinsic crystalline beauty, but in the fact that they are less familiar than his later works, and are here recorded for the first time (each record: \$5.95). Two of these later works have recently been added by RCA Victor to their 45 rpm catalog, *The Symphony No. 73 in D*, performed by The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Fabien Seitzky conducting (Album WDM-1312; \$3.35), and *The Symphony No. 93 in D*, performed by the NBC Symphony under Guido Cantelli (Album WDM-1323; \$3.35). The first, subtitled "The Hunt," employs the famous and highly descriptive use of horns in its last movement. The second is, for us, the most completely satisfying of these here reviewed. It emanates the serene assurance of talent in maturity, is the richest in texture and invention. The performance level of both RCA recordings is high. Columbia's contribution is a superlative LP record (ML-4246; \$4.85) containing *The Quartet in D Major, Op. 64, No. 5* and *The Quartet in B-Flat Major, Op. 76, No. 4*, brilliantly played by The Budapest String Quartet. Both are well worth your attention but the latter perhaps has the edge with its poignant second movement.

THREE popular singers, Fran Warren, Lisa Kirk and Juanita Hall are currently doing their bits on three RCA Victor 45 rpm records. Miss Warren, a girl whose voice sounds as though it were projected through a fine screen (a quality which, oddly enough, we find attractive), extracts the full torch value from *Now That I Need You* and *There's No Getting Away From You* (Record 47-2941; 65c). Miss Kirk of *Kiss Me, Kate* fame, is less fortunate in her choices, but makes *Shame On You* and *Charley, My Boy* sound cleverer than they are (Record 47-3090; 65c). While Juanita Hall, the glorious Bloody Mary of *South Pacific*, gives a rollicking performance of *Love's a Precious Thing*, a song that sounds like a spiritual, but isn't; she fails, unfortunately, in hiding the banality of *Don't Cry, Joe* (Record 47-3050; 65c).

TURNTABLE

Pine grows up

HER SUIT, JUDY AND JILL. PHOTO: MIEHLMANN



From the past, for the future: antique pine high chair

Opposite

A cosmopolitan living room
based on American pine

The color of the wood, the Shaker simplicity of the design, adapt themselves to clear modern colors

PINE is in the American tradition. Sugar pines were the first trees felled by the Pilgrims, the first wood they made into furniture. Later, as America produced notable craftsmen, they continued to work in pine because of its warmth and mellowness of color, its fineness of texture. Today, again, pine inspires furniture makers. Drexel, which has for some years recognized the trend toward informal living, has met it by offering to the public a series of pieces grouped under the name American Traditional. They have turned to the past for inspiration. This furniture is honest in conception and fine in workmanship. It suggests sophisticated, almost modern settings, while being obviously at home in period rooms, as well. It lends itself to contemporary color schemes, such as appear on the next two pages. But for all its finesse, it is hardy in the face of everyday wear-and-tear, and reasonable in price. Pine of this caliber is a sound investment for Young Marrieds who want their rooms to have an air, their furniture to have a future.

A SWEDISH print, an Italian magazine rack, curtains in the French style and Hessian soldiers on the hearth point up a room whose chief ingredient is Drexel's American Traditional pine furniture. Note the interplay of colors, how the natural wood tones are highlighted by the lemon-peel yellow lacquer of the small chairs, the darker tones of the dining table and the crescendo of colors in the materials from natural flax to burnt orange. Furniture here and on the next page is available at Barker Bros., Los Angeles; Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney, St. Louis; Hathaway's, New York. Material used on the armchairs is by Goodall; Fog Blue cotton rug is Tumble-Twist. *Shopping data, p. 104.*

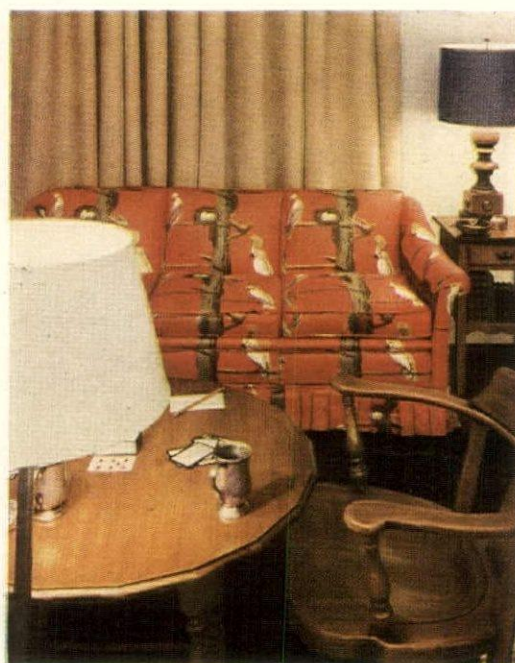




BEDROOM WITH A FRENCH TOUCH



HALL WITH A VICTORIAN TOUCH



CARD ROOM WITH A MODERN TOUCH

American Traditional pine all through the house

Immensely versatile, Drexel pine furniture keys the four rooms on this page. At Barker Bros., Los Angeles; Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney, St. Louis; Hathaway's, New York. For shopping information, turn to page 104.

BEDROOM. In the French manner, wallpaper and the cotton of the bedspread (both by A. L. Diamant) match and create a feminine, but not fussy, room.

HALL. A continuation of the monochromatic bedroom scheme repeats Tumble-Twist cotton carpet. The bibelots are American Federal and Victorian.

CARD ROOM. Effectively underlined by Amtico rubber tile flooring, neutral color scheme is spiked by Schumacher's brilliant orange bird-printed chintz.

BOYS' ROOM. Colorizer's ruby paint on the walls is set off by the Armstrong spatter linoleum in a room with Waverly fabrics on beds and wing chair. Note the small desk used as a double night table.

BOYS' ROOM WITH A SHAKER TOUCH



Escape them never

Are you a victim of nostalgia insidiosa? Like the author of this article, you can live to enjoy it.

by RUSSELL LYNES

Homeowners, even those who live in Bay Region ranch houses, have one inescapable thing in common—ancestors. I, for example, had a great-Uncle Russell who while a surgeon in China was run out of the city in which he was practicing because he performed a necessary amputation and the leg didn't grow back in. All that is left of Uncle Russell, so far as I am concerned, is this anecdote, his name, a watch chain woven from his red whiskers and a collection of bibelots which he sent back to my grandmother from Chungking. There was a locket, too, with the name "Russell" engraved on mother-of-pearl which I gave my wife when we were engaged—but that was stolen. Uncle Russell's remains, the bibelots, seem for some unaccountable reason to have wormed their way into my possession, into my psyche, and, incidentally, into a ridiculous piece of furniture known to my mother's generation as the "curio cabinet." It is now in the guest room.

Of course the Chinese knife money, the carved red and white ivory checkers and the pale blue jar filled with rose petals, which inhabit the curio cabinet are nothing in themselves but symptoms of a disease not easily cured. Some people effect a sort of superficial cure with filing cabinets, stuffed with better-forgotten secrets; some are ruthless and with the sharp knife of determination amputate the troublesome member, as Uncle Russell did, and it never grows back. But most of us are no such heroes. We let the disease grow, this *nostalgia insidiosa*, taking time now and then to arrest it. We clean house in a half-hearted sort of way. We throw out the broken ski pole, the chromo that came in a frame we bought for \$1.75 because that year we liked walnut frames. But the frame itself is different; we have never found a picture to fit it, and probably never will, but *it* goes back in the closet. Someday, we think . . .

But when it comes to the big things like the black Empire bookcase with glass doors trimmed with gold beading, the cane-seated Chippendale chairs and the dour portrait of Uncle Russell's grandfather that probably cost \$14 and

artistically is worth every cent of it, we become pure putty. They take us over clock, crock and bureau.

Whether this is a weakness or not, it is what happens perforce to most of us. Only the unimaginative, the humorless or the easily frightened are going to barricade themselves behind their whatnots and their commodes and pretend that what they see through their lace curtains is the nineteenth century. And while most Americans start as children with their pockets full of marbles, rusty nails, string and half-eaten Lifesavers, only the Collyer brothers within our memory have been smothered under their own acquisitiveness. The little Napoleons who build themselves Empire palaces and stand before their fireplaces with one hand thrust into their vests will always be with us, I suppose. But the rest of us are less self-conscious. We have not intentionally acquired the clutter about us. It has somehow acquired *us*, which it certainly would not have done without our essential willingness to allow our lives to become framed in the eccentricities (and I hope they are eccentricities, not banalities) of our own taste.

There are those who will tell you that it is ridiculous for twentieth-century men and women to live in simulated eighteenth-century surroundings. They will scoff at the little imitation chateau that sits heavily on half an acre of suburban real estate. They will point out that it is inexcusable to put a television set in a pseudo-Sheraton cabinet, or an electric light in something that is copied from a Chinese pagoda. And they are quite right. It is ridiculous. It is, on any reasonable grounds, inexcusable. Any completely unfettered person, starting from scratch to build and to furnish a home, who fails to take advantage of the best modern design that he can afford, is behaving as unreasonably as though he were to have the Pierce Arrow Company build him a replica of a 1916 touring car in 1950.

And who is unfettered, and who starts from scratch? Let's take an extreme case, a boy from Oshkosh and a girl from Boston who meet in New York, fall in

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Opposite, the kitchen of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Detering and, right, the photograph it inspired which is also on the cover. The brick archway once housed a barbecue pit. Now it curves over an electric cooking top in a marble slab.

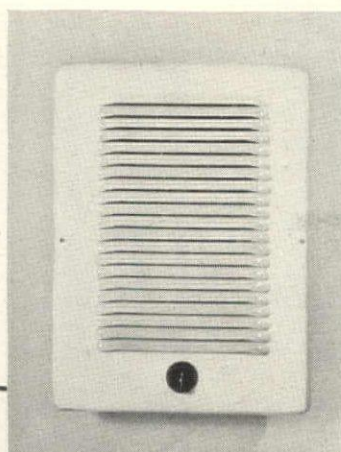


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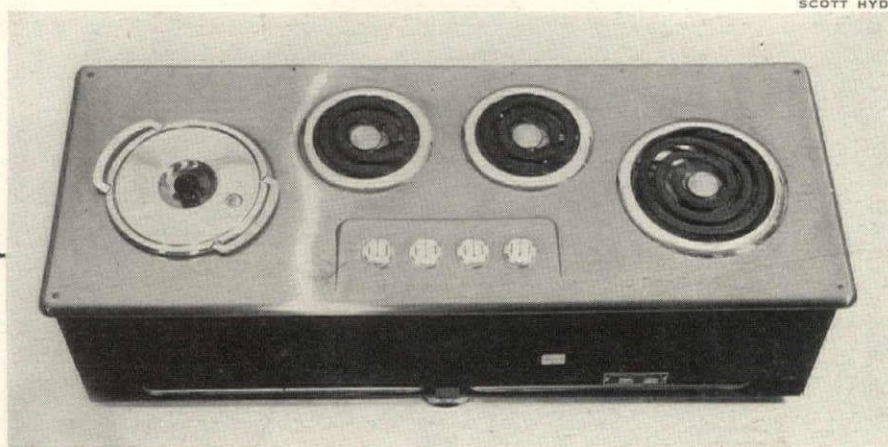
The kitchen that grew from a barbecue pit



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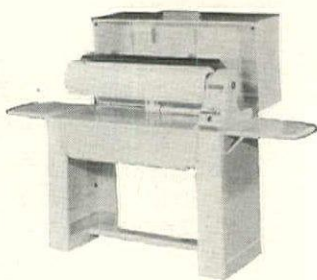
IF, like Mr. and Mrs. Carl Detering of Houston, Texas, yours is a hospitable family which likes to live informally, the kitchen on these pages has a number of pointers for you. It began as a small barbecue pit, designed by the late Frank Forster, architect, 15 years ago. Recently it became the pivotal center of a rambling house designed by Staub & Rather, architects. Here are points it makes for you:

- The Thermador cooking top (set under the archway which spanned the original barbecue pit) and the Thermador oven (placed in the original warming oven at the right) make for compactness.
- The units are sufficiently close together so that no unnecessary steps are required for cooking.
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- A circulating heater, below the oven, and tiles set into the original white brick wall, make the installation practical and easy to maintain.
- The high electric oven eliminates stooping.
- Marble countertop is ideal for food preparation.
- Wood tones of furniture and red of brick floor make a warm, welcoming room, pleasant to live in.

SCOTT HYDE



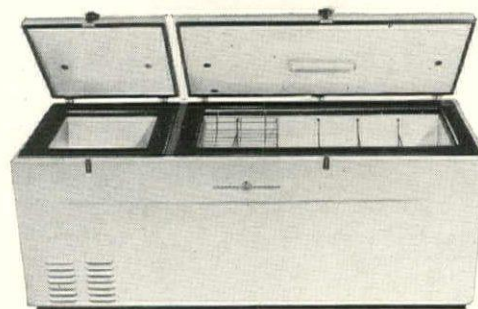
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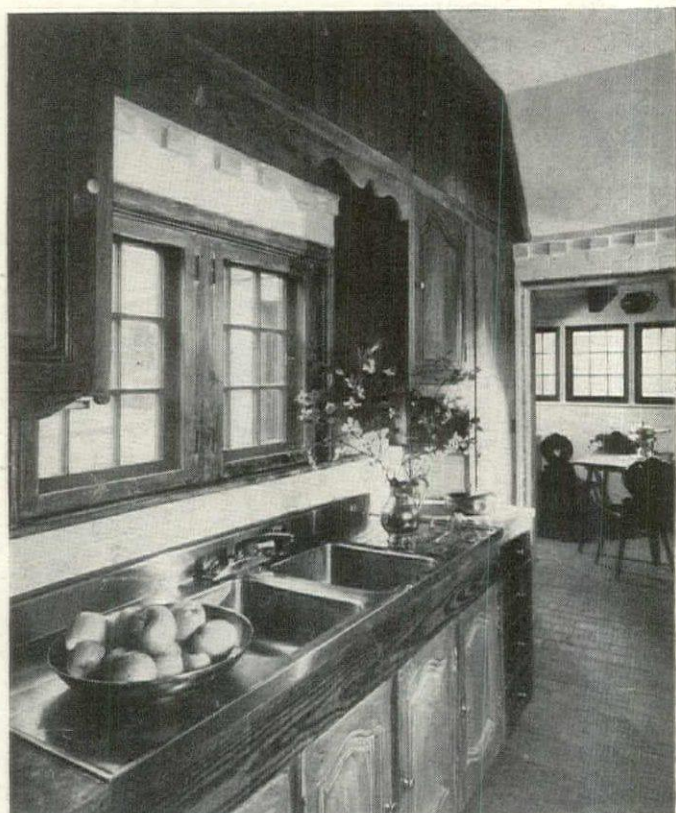
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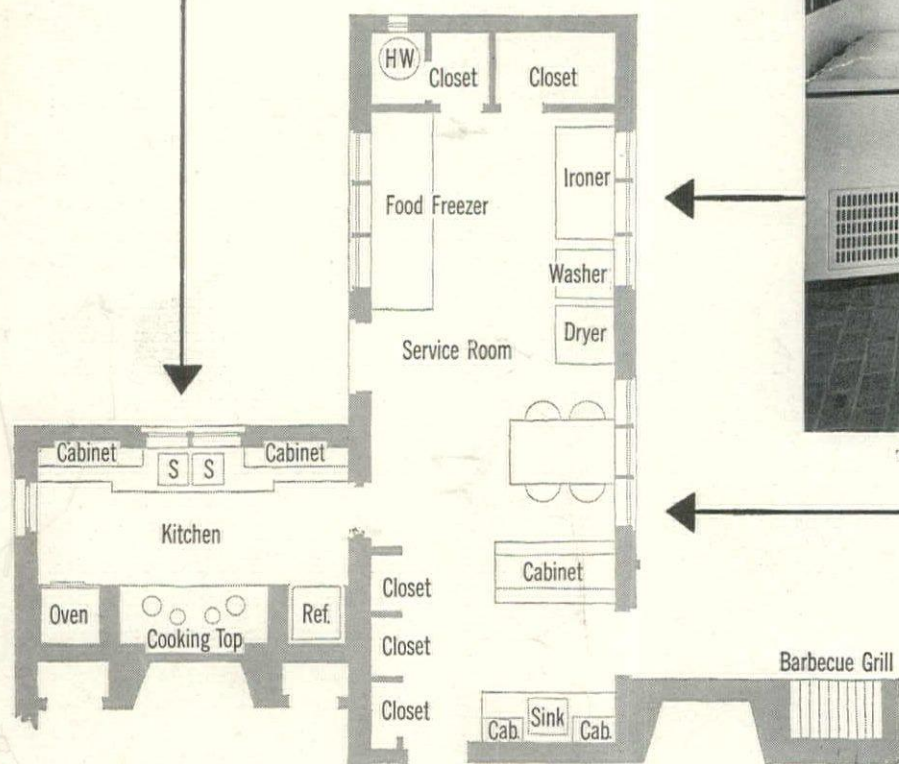
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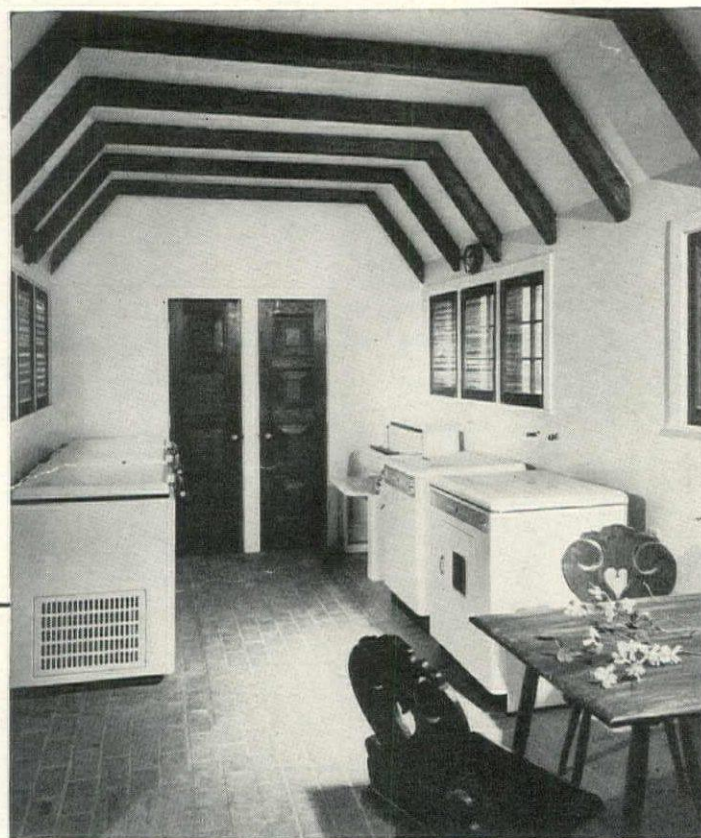


TRACY STAINLESS-STEEL SINK IN WOOD CABINETS



FIREPLACES AT FOOT OF PLAN ARE IN DINING AND LIVING ROOMS

The cooking center on the preceding pages is one wing of a larger, L-shaped room. This includes the Tracy stainless-steel sink under the windows, left, a complete GE automatic laundry, below, and an informal breakfast and dining area, opposite. In addition there is an extra size (20 cu. ft.) GE freezer unit. The plan takes advantage of modern ideas for comfort in the kitchen, including proper height working areas, a high oven. French Provincial wooden cabinets are set off by copper and pewter utensils, by the stainless-steel sinks and white porcelain appliances, above. Kitchen areas are comfortably related to one another and to living and dining rooms, as indicated by the fireplaces at the foot of the plan, below left. Because they are so flexible, the kitchen units can be worked into any plan which suits you.



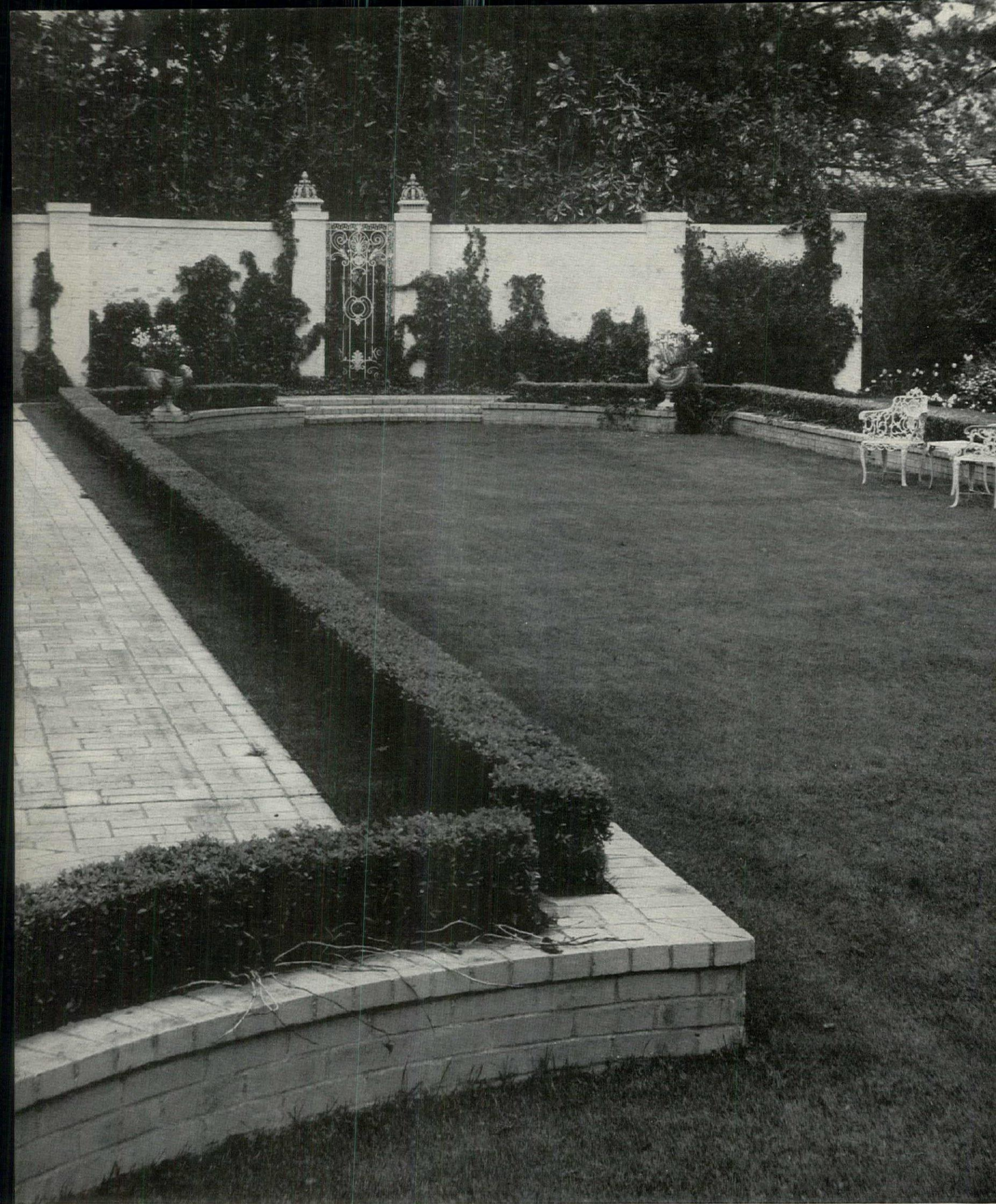
THREE GE LAUNDRY UNITS LINE UP ON ONE WALL

Opposite

Conveniently placed at the center of the L-shaped kitchen and near the outdoor grill is an island table, high and low cupboards and a Tracy sink. This is used for mixing drinks, arranging flowers and outdoor meals. Note the brick floor and exposed beams.

Shopping information on page 109





A CLIPPED HEDGE OF DWARF YAUPON (A NATIVE SMALL-LEAFED HOLLY) REPEATS THE LINES OF THE LOW BRICK WALL WHICH EDGES THE LAWN

Gardens in Texas

If you like formal planting,
this garden will give you good ideas

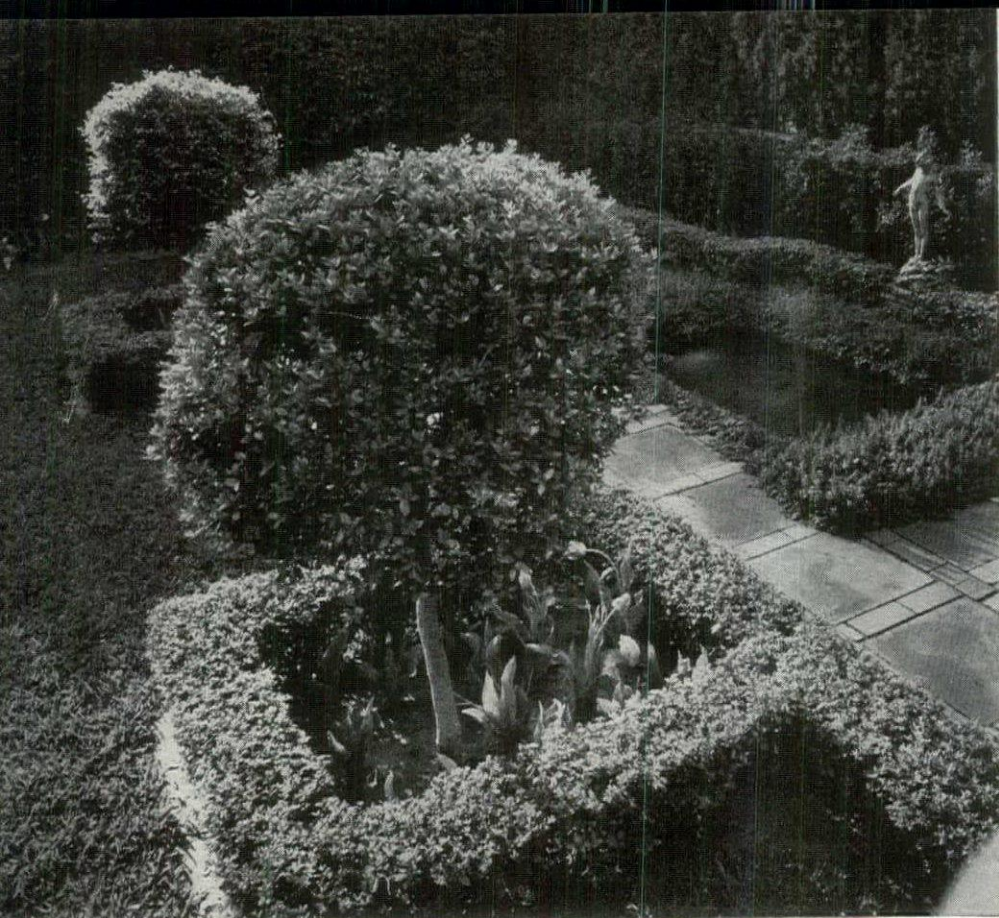


WHITE PANSIES WITH BRILLIANT KURUME AZALEAS DIVIDE THE LAWN AREA FROM THE TERRACE GARDEN

KERTESZ

MANY gardeners try hard to achieve the simplicity of perfect proportions attained here in the design of a large panel garden and a smaller terrace created by J. O. Lambert, Jr., landscape architect, for Mrs. Besse Joyner Harrison at University Park, Dallas, Texas. A back-

ground brick wall in the large garden, opposite, is softened by using English ivy; sasanqua camellias (which are relatively hardy) brighten the niches. Kurume azaleas and tulips fill the urns, are repeated in larger masses between the lawn and the smaller terrace garden above.



GARDENS IN TEXAS continued



KERTESZ

PANSIES UNDER HUISACHE TREE IN THE COHAGAN GARDEN

CLIPPED YAUPON, LEFT, IN THE COLLINS GARDEN

BEDS OF IVY ARE EDGED WITH BOX IN THE HARRINGTON GARDEN



The African violet

by HELEN VAN PELT WILSON

EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Wilson is the author of an authoritative book on "The African Violet" published by M. Barrows and Company, Inc., which is currently in its second edition.

THE African violet, the best loved flower in window-garden-ing circles, continues to grow in popularity at an amazing pace. What appeared a fad a few years ago has now become an acknowledged horticultural trend and not in this country alone. The traveler in the south of England, in France, Denmark, Norway and especially in Sweden, sees many a window lovely with saintpaulias (African violets), usually, however, only in the purple shades. In this country the national society was formed in 1946 when the H. G. Hastings Company of Atlanta, Georgia, expecting a 1500 attendance, put on the first flower show devoted to saintpaulias. They had to call out the police to help with traffic when thousands of eager "violet" addicts turned up. Now, only three years later, the African Violet Society of America, Inc., has a membership of 3200 and the Hastings show last autumn had a 10,000 attendance in two days. Enthusiasts poured in from 21 states to exhibit 115 varieties—most of them developed within the last four or five years.

The Society has done a monumental job in the codifying of nomenclature. Today, if you have what appears to be a new variety (the plant sports freely and is also easy to hybridize) you can register it with the Society (Boyce M. Edens, Chairman, 2694 Lenox Road, S. E., Atlanta, Georgia) and so stake out your claim. Heretofore, the same variety often acquired two or three names in different parts of the country since growers had no means of checking regional duplications.

The fatal fascination of the saintpaulia lies in an alluring personality, not an agreeable disposition. When it comes to flowering, it can be stubborn indeed. Yet difficulties apparently do not affect popularity. One expert at the Rochester show answered the question, (Continued on page 136)

Opposite

Plants, thoughtfully used, balance brick and stone

YOU can see here how plant materials, properly used, will set off architectural details as shown in these three Texas gardens designed by Marie and Arthur S. Berger, landscape architects. In the garden of Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Cohagan at San Antonio, a path of red building tile set on the diagonal is interplanted with *Ajuga reptans*, a low ground-cover. The pansies underneath the huisache tree, *Acacia farnesiana*, are replaced with white vinca in the summer. In the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Wortham Collins in Dallas, the clipped yaupons are surrounded with tulips and a hedge of dwarf holly, the pool edged with ajuga. The Dallas garden of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Harrington is designed for easy maintenance; evergreen ivy forms a background for spring bulbs with flowering red-bud and dogwood above; loquat adorns garage wall; cherry laurel screens two sides of garden.

Gallant soldier

by ROSS PARMENTER

EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Parmenter, who gardens in the window of his New York apartment, has written for us this sequel to his experiences with a philodendron, so charmingly told in his book "The Plant in My Window" (Thomas Y. Crowell).

EARTH in Manhattan is hard to come by naturally. But you can buy it in stores, as if it were sugar or coffee. So when I wanted some extra soil to repot a philodendron, I went to a florist and bought some in a chunky little brown paper bag equipped with a wire at the top whose protruding ends could be folded inwards to keep the bag tight. Fifteen cents' worth of soil was more than I needed for the repotting, so I closed the top of the depleted bag, bent in the wires and put it away on an upper shelf until such time as I might need a little extra dirt. The need arose four months later. The salvaged tip of a broken strand of philodendron that I had been keeping in a tumbler had put forth hardy roots under water. I wanted to try the experiment of transplanting it into soil. So I climbed on a step ladder and brought down the little sack of earth. The bag had gathered lots of dust on its outside, and the dirt inside was as dry as the dust. But I figured it would do. I poured some of the earth into a red clay flower pot. Then I took the bit of philodendron gingerly from the tumbler, set it gently on the dry soil and filled in around it till its lower part was nicely supported. A little water settled the soil. Then I filled the pot with the remaining dirt, watered the whole thing once more, and put it aside, hoping the bit of plant would survive in its new earth environment. It did. Never having done the experiment before, though, I naturally watched it rather closely. A couple of months later I was still giving it a daily look when one morning I noticed it had what might be the beginnings of a neighbor. I couldn't be quite sure. The new bit of green was so tiny. A day or two later, however, there was no doubt about it. Another plant had started up in the pot. It was as if a miniature green Charlie Chaplin were starting to emerge feet first, for the new shoot had two little leaves that were shaped rather like the soles of round-toed shoes and they were facing just as completely in opposite directions as Charlie's feet. This gave me the clue that it was not a philodendron. I had been reading a little botany at this time and I had learned a few of the basic facts about plant classification. (Cont'd on page 128)

How to grow camellias outdoors in the South and West, indoors in the North

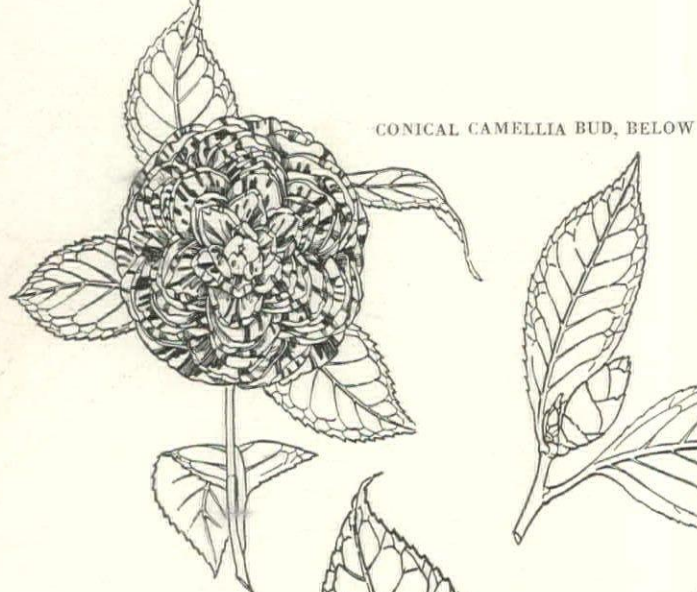
by H. HAROLD HUME

OF all the broad-leaved evergreens that have come from China and Japan, none surpass camellias—for those areas of the United States (Southern and Western) to which they are adapted. Not only are they fine plants, valuable for their compact growth and shining dark green foliage, but they produce white, pink, red or variegated flowers of great loveliness. These bloom at the time of year (from early autumn to spring) when flowers of most other shrubs are notable for their absence. Even with their roots confined to the narrow space of pot or tub, they can be grown and kept in good condition for many years. They stand pruning well and through the judicious use of pruning shears they can be kept within bounds as desired.

Although Japonicas (as the varieties of *Camellia japonica* are always called in the South) can be grown in full sunlight, it is best to plant them in partial shade. Shade is part of the natural environment of the wild or original forms. In shade, their leaves are beautiful and glossy and they will thrive and bloom in it as few other plants will. It is best to avoid the full sunlight of an eastern exposure because sunshine accentuates frost injury. The foliage of some varieties is subject to sun-

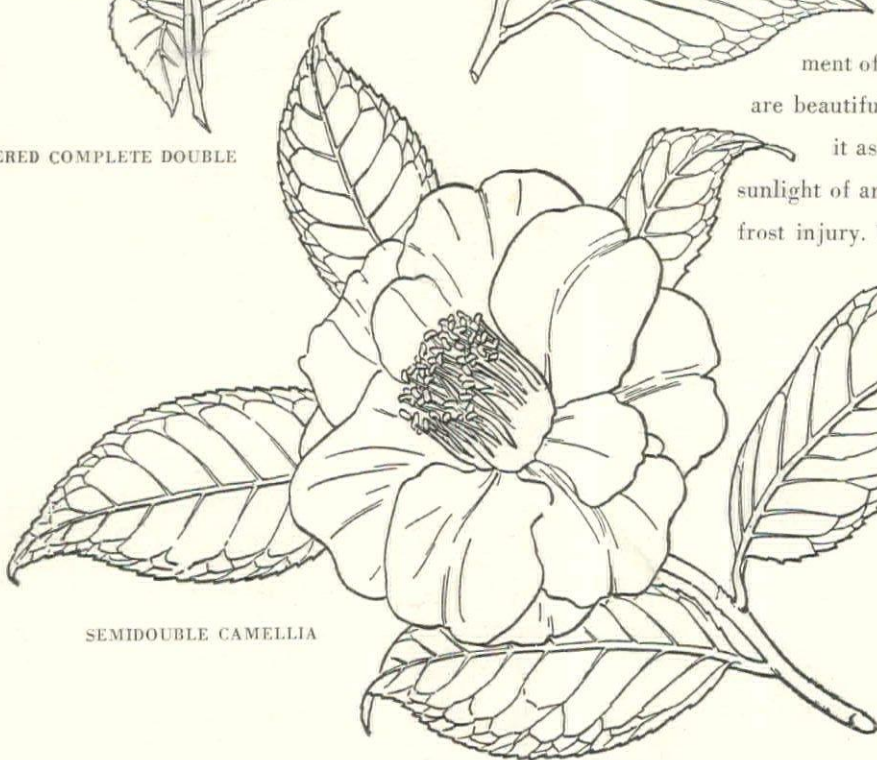


REGULAR IMBRICATED COMPLETE DOUBLE

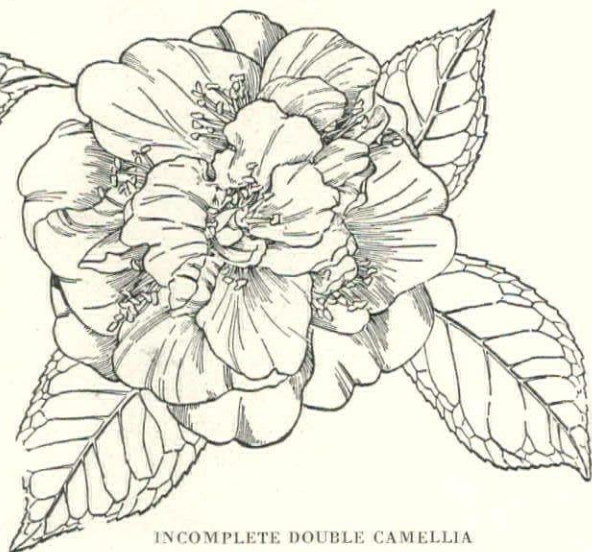


CONICAL CAMELLIA BUD, BELOW

TIERED COMPLETE DOUBLE



SEMIDOUBLE CAMELLIA



INCOMPLETE DOUBLE CAMELLIA

DRAWINGS FROM "CAMELLIAS IN AMERICA," BY
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burn, and shade safeguards against it. If a particularly desirable location is without shade, the shortcoming can be overcome by providing it artificially or by planting fast-growing trees to furnish what is needed. Leaves of varieties belonging to the species *C. sasanqua* are not subject to sunburn and are better adapted for growing in full sun.

Be sure that you choose a location with good natural drainage. If drainage is inadequate it should be supplied by facilities (such as drainage tiles) that will take care of surplus water. It is true that camellias require generous amounts of water for their welfare but they will not grow well and give really satisfactory results in soils where there is stagnant water and air is excluded.

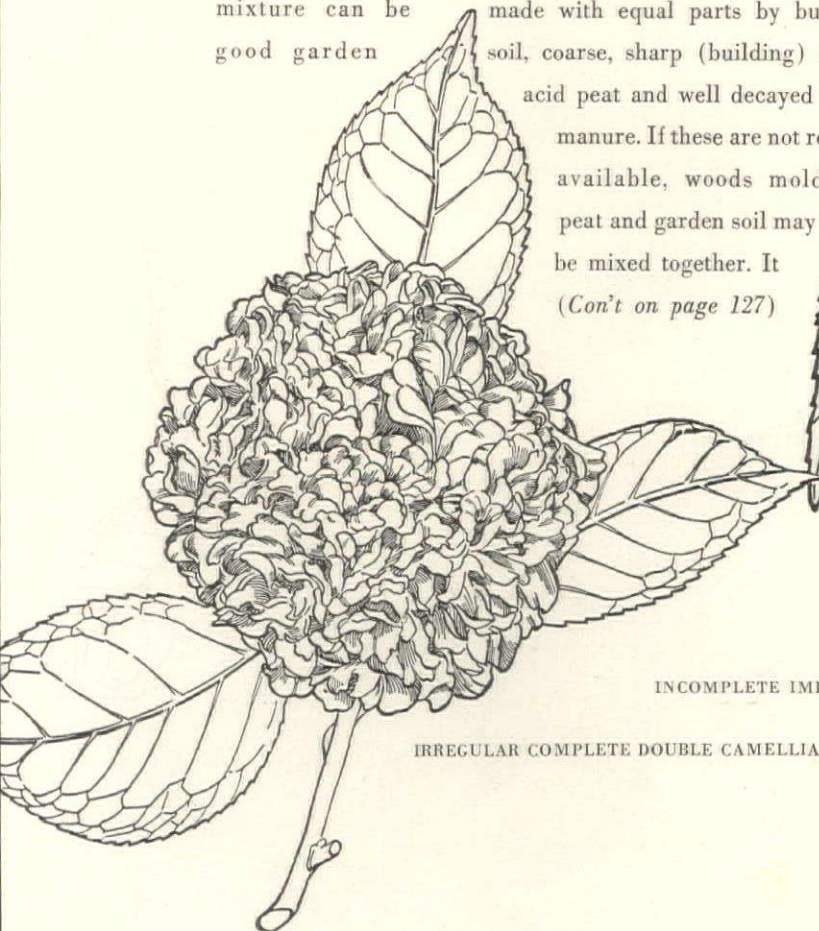
SOIL PREPARATION

Camellias are grown on many different kinds of soil but there are certain features they must all have if good growth and satisfactory blooming are to follow from year to year. (1) The soil should be acid in reaction with a pH between 4.5 and 5.5 or 6. Soils with a higher reaction are not suitable and they should be modified, changed or avoided. Earth can be removed and replaced with suitable acid soil. (2) The ground should be well supplied with organic matter. Various materials may be used such as acid peat, leaves, bark, woods mold (top three inches), peanut hulls and bagasse (residue of sugar cane or beets after juice has been extracted). These should be incorporated into the soil in generous amounts. When you plant camellias in open ground or in pots, it is always best to use prepared soil. A suitable mixture can be made with equal parts by bulk of good garden

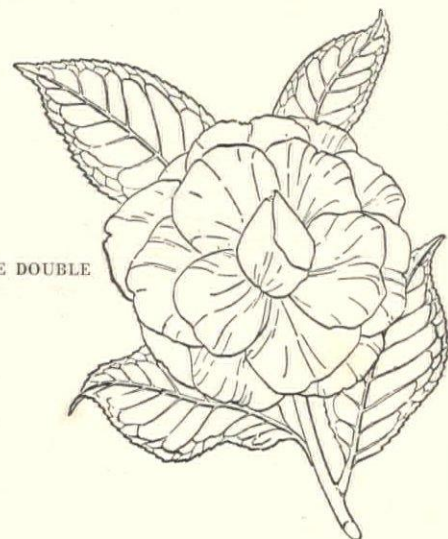
soil, coarse, sharp (building) sand, acid peat and well decayed dairy manure. If these are not readily available, woods mold, peat and garden soil may be mixed together. It
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SINGLE CAMELLIA



IRREGULAR COMPLETE DOUBLE CAMELLIA



INCOMPLETE IMBRICATED COMPLETE DOUBLE



These Young Marrieds know that plants in the windows will add charm to their apartment.

APRON, PHELPS; DRESS DESIGNED BY CLAUDE MC CARDELL. PHOTO: MIEHLMANN

Why not grow a foliage garden indoors?

by T. H. EVERETT

IF you like unusual foliage and are an indoor gardener, you will find wonderfully varied material waiting for you. The window gardener and sun-room horticulturist is no longer confined to such stand-bys as aspidistras, rubber plants, snake-plants and Boston ferns. New and exciting leaf forms are available. Commercial growers, awake to the possibilities our houses and apartments offer, have searched out and are propagating a great variety of hitherto little known decorative plants adapted for growing entirely satisfactorily indoors.

The hunt for new forms continues. Collections of plants such as those at the New York Botanical Garden are examined critically for possible "novelties." Collectors are sent into the jungles of South America and other tropical countries to locate plants of promise, and efforts are being made to introduce little-known decoratives from foreign gardens. Not since the last century, when the world was searched assiduously for new plants to fill the greenhouses and conservatories here and abroad, has such

an interest in tropical and sub-tropical plants been known. **TROPICAL AROIDS.** This new interest began rather quietly some years ago when monstera and a few other tropical relatives of our native skunk cabbage began to replace palms in the florists' stores. Their leaf-patterns fitted into modern decorative schemes and they withstood the vicissitudes of indoor life well. Aroids (members of the skunk cabbage family) still rank high among indoor foliage plants. To them belong the dieffenbachias or "dumb-canes," plants native to South America and the West Indies with stout erect stems and handsomely marked oval or elliptic leaves of bold appearance. (They earned their common name because chewing their stems causes the mouth and tongue to swell and as a result the unfortunate masticator may lose the power of speech for several days. In an era now past, slaves in the West Indies were made to chew dieffenbachia as a punishment.) Among the most handsome dumb-canes are *Dieffenbachia picta*, its forms *jenmanni* (Continued on page 132)

House plants needn't be trite;

try something beside sansevieria.

Here are 65 possibilities, easy to grow

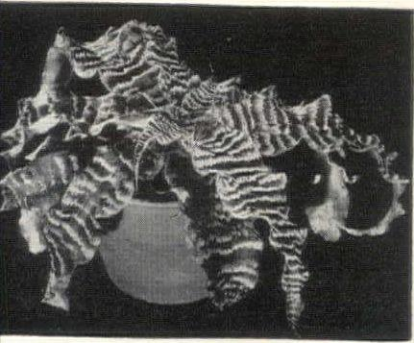


Calathea vandenheckei

Aglaonema oblongifolium curtisi



Cryptanthus zonatus



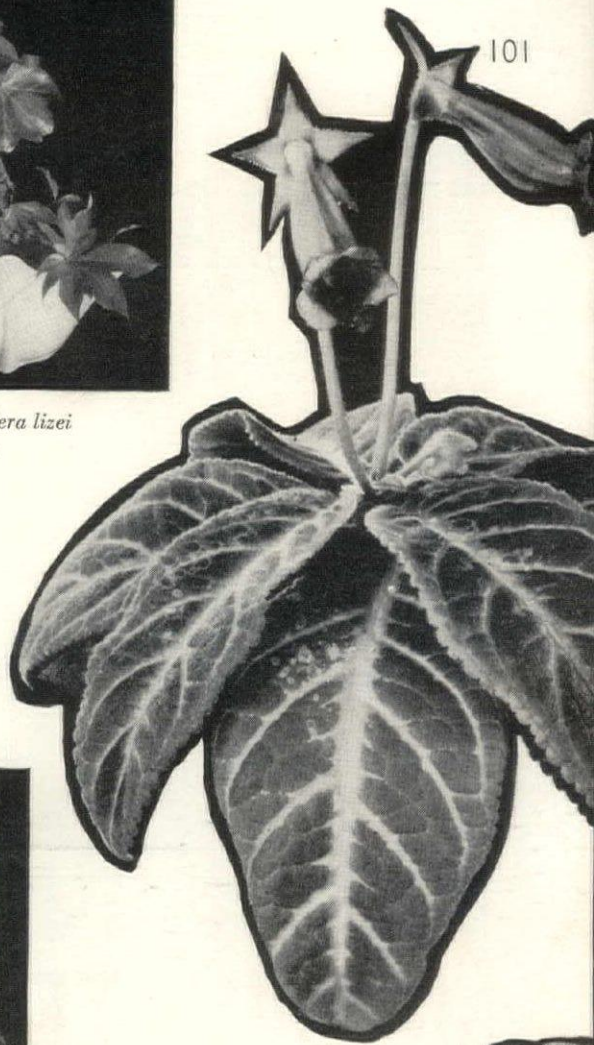
N. Y. BOTANICAL GARDEN



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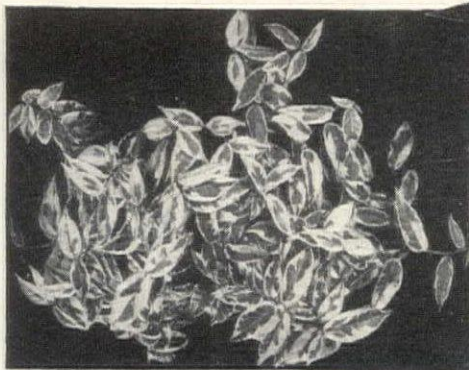
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Echeveria glauca major



Sanchezia nobilis



Ficus radicans variegata

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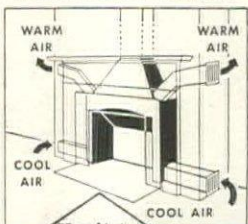
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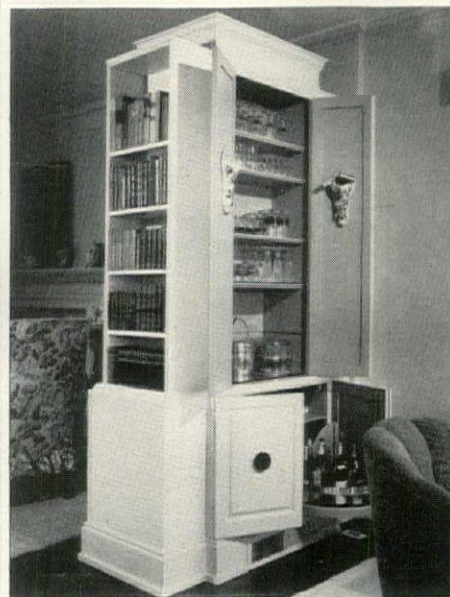


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WYLE HOUSE BUILDING DATA

FOUNDATIONS: Poured concrete foundation walls, waterproof concrete slab under utility room. **Cement—**Medusa Portland Cement Co. **EXTERIOR WALLS:** Pink common brick—National Brick Co. **INTERIOR WALLS & CEILINGS:** Hard-finished plaster—U. S. Gypsum Co. **ROOFING:** Wood shingles—William Junge Co. **FLOORING:** Cork, herringbone pattern—David E. Kennedy, Inc. **WINDOWS:** Double-hung wood sash, custom-made—Franklin Grimes Co. **INSULATION:** Mineral wool blanket between floor and ceiling joists—Johns-Manville Corp.; aluminum foil insulating board in side walls—U. S. Gypsum Co. **DOORS:** Rebuilt flush doors—Morgan Co. **GARAGE DOORS:** Franklin Grimes Co. **PAINTING:** Exterior and interior paints—Samuel Cabot, Inc. **GLASS:** Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. **HARDWARE:** Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co. **LIGHTING FIXTURES:** Edward F. Caldwell & Co., Inc. **PLUMBING FIXTURES:** Crane Co. **HEATING EQUIPMENT:** Forced air, gas-fired heating system—Bryant Heater Co.; controls—Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.; water heater—Crane Co. **KITCHEN EQUIPMENT:** Cabinets with stainless-steel counters—Tracy Mfg. Co.; dishwasher—Hotpoint Inc.; garbage disposal unit, refrigerator, ventilating fan—General Electric Co.; range—George D. Roper Corp. **LAUNDRY EQUIPMENT:** Washing machine, dryer, ironer—General Electric Co.

HEDRICH-BLESSING



LIVING ROOM BAY WINDOW faces south, overlooks lake, terrace, cutting garden. Rugs are white on cork floors, walls are oyster white, Wedgwood blue. Wall spaces, furniture placement, heating outlets were planned together. White and gold textured fabric for curtains, blue upholstery for chairs by decorator Marjorie Thorsch. Four cabinets divide living, dining, sun porch areas in room. Half of one cabinet, left, for bar service and storage.



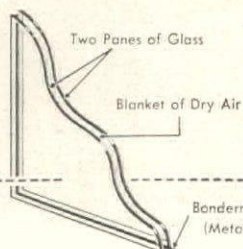
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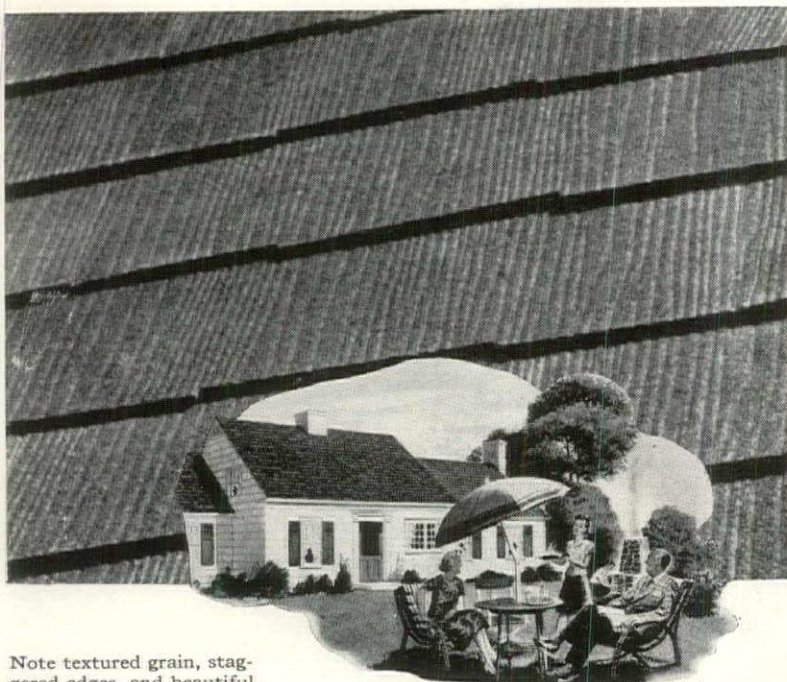
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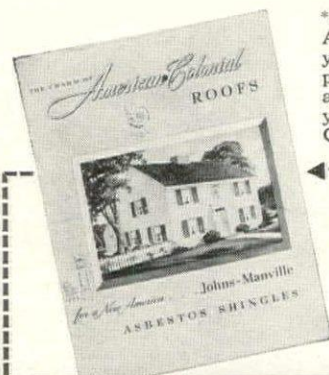
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BUILDING MATERIALS

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Here is more shopping information for the merchandise on pages 87 and 88. All prices are approximate.

Drexel furniture is at Barker Bros., Los Angeles; Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney, St. Louis; and Hathaway's, N. Y.

Page 87, Dining alcove

FURNITURE: Drexel Furniture Co., American Traditional group in pine, dining table, \$85; yellow Hubbard armchairs, \$49 each.

CURTAINS: Bates Fabrics Inc. birdseye orange "Picolay," 36" wide, \$1.40 yd., McCreery's, New York.

Living room

FURNITURE: Drexel Furniture Co., American Traditional group in pine, Ipswich sofa, \$250; sleeper chairs, \$173 ea.; Stratford cocktail table, \$45.

CARPET: Libertyville Textiles "Tumble-Twist" cotton loop pile, Fog Blue, 12' x 15', \$180, Lord & Taylor, N. Y.

UPHOLSTERY: On sofa, Bretton Fabrics Corp., imported natural linen, 54" wide, \$3.30 yd., Macy's, New York.

ON CHAIRS: Goodall Fabrics Inc., "Brewer," cotton and wool, 54" wide, \$6.60 yd., available through decorators.

ACCESSORIES: Magazine rack on wheels, \$48, Piazza, House of Italian Handicrafts, New York.

ON COCKTAIL TABLE: Pewter basin, \$14.50, Sign of the Golden Ball, Williamsburg, Va.; ironstone leaf, \$18 pair, Hadleigh Inc., New York.

FIREPLACE: Mantel, \$350; antique Franklin stove, \$350; painted Hessian andirons, \$25 pair; broom, \$2; tongs, \$8; all Edwin Jackson Inc., New York. Print over mantel, \$65, Reed & Stevenson, New York. Cray of Boston, copper coal scuttle, 17½" high, \$32, Paine's, Boston.

LAMP: Floor lamp in satin or polished chrome, brushed or polished brass, linen shades, \$60 complete, Hansen, N. Y.

Page 88, Bedroom

FURNITURE: Drexel's American Traditional group in pine, footless double bed, \$40; Groton end tables, \$42 each.

CARPET: Libertyville Textiles "Tumble-Twist" cotton loop pile, Fog Blue. (Also shown on page 87.)

WALLPAPER: A. L. Diamant & Co., "Montreaux," \$4.75 single roll, available through decorators.

ON BED: Spread is made of A. L. Diamant's "Montreaux" unglazed cotton, 34" w., \$3.45 yd., through decorators.

Pillows: \$3.95 each; pillow cases are handmade of batiste and Valenciennes lace, right, \$26.50; center, \$29.50; left, \$29.75; all Léron Inc., New York.

ACCESSORIES: On wall French Regency embroidered pictures, gilt frames, \$300 pair; above them, antique French embroidered picture, \$65; all at Gotham and MacLaughlin, N. Y. On end tables: blue Bristol lamp bases, \$175 pair; Staffordshire plate, \$12; shell box, \$35; all W. Jay Saylor, New York.

Alarm clock, Semca Clock Co., \$17.95 incl. Fed. tax, Lord & Taylor, N. Y.

Hall

FURNITURE: Drexel Furniture Co., American Traditional group in pine, water cupboard (base and deck), \$139; black lacquer Lambert armchair, \$37.

CARPET: Libertyville Textiles "Tum-

ble-Twist" cotton loop pile, Fog Blue, \$1.15 sq. ft., Lord & Taylor, New York.

ACCESSORIES: White wall sconce with two hurricane globes, \$60, R.L.S. Shops, Inc., New York. French 19th-century birdcage, \$300, Edward Garratt Inc., New York. On cupboard: ironstone jugs, \$10, \$15 and \$20; Staffordshire plate, \$12; English blue and white plates, \$7 each; all W. Jay Saylor, N. Y.

Card room

FURNITURE: Drexel's American Traditional pine, Ipswich sofa, \$250; Randolph table, \$52; Cheshire Tavern armchairs, \$55 each; end table, \$27.

FLOORING: American Tile and Rubber Co., "Amtico" black rubber tile flooring, 12" x 12" squares, 50c sq. ft., plus installation, through your contractor.

CURTAINS: Bretton Fabrics Corp., imported natural linen, 54" wide, \$3.30 yd., Macy's, New York.

UPHOLSTERY: On sofa, F. Schumacher & Co., tangerine "Bird Zoo" chintz, 36" wide, \$3.40 yd., through decorators.

LAMPS: On end table, "Pennsylvania Dutch Bedpost" lamp from Brach-Allen Studio. Knotty pine base, blue and white print, red-trimmed shade, 31" over-all, \$53 complete, Joseph Horne, Pittsburgh.

Floor lamp available in four finishes: satin chrome, polished chrome, brushed brass, polished brass, with linen shades, \$60 complete, Hansen, N. Y.

ACCESSORIES: On end table, pewter bowl, \$65 at Julia E. Kuttner, New York. Dark wood pipe, \$10 at Abercrombie & Fitch, N. Y. Ronson Crown table lighter, silver plated, \$13.20 including Fed. tax at Marshall Field, Chicago. On Randolph table, pewter mugs, \$7.50 each, Julia E. Kuttner, New York.

Boys' room

FURNITURE: Drexel Furniture Co., American Traditional group in pine, footless single beds, \$40 each; Middlesex desk, \$90; black lacquer chest-on-chest, \$123; wing chair, \$119; black lacquer Lambert armchair, \$37.

WALLS: Colorizer Associates, red flat finish, \$7.50 gallon, Gimbel's, N. Y.

FLOORING: Armstrong Cork Co., "Spat-ter Linoleum," black background, 6' wide, \$2.25 sq. yd. at Budd Looms Inc., New York.

UPHOLSTERY: On wing chair, Waverly Fabrics "Adam Stripe" 48" cotton damask, \$3.45 yd., Shillito's, Cincinnati.

ON THE BEDS: Spreads made by Atlas Bedspread Co. Inc. from Waverly Fabrics "Hitchcock Leaf", 48" cotton, \$2.25 yd., Carson Pirie Scott, Chicago.

LAMP: Edward P. Paul & Co., Inc., double student lamp, all brass, 17½" over-all, green glass shades, 8" diameters, \$35 complete, Dennison's, N. Y.

ACCESSORIES: Construction kit to make the schooner *Marion Sprague* shown on chest, \$9, Polk's Model Craft Hobbies Inc., New York. (On hooks): "Tournament" tennis racket, \$10; sweater, \$17.50; white hat, \$2; all at Abercrombie & Fitch, New York.

ON DESK: Pewter chalice, \$35 at Sign of the Golden Ball, Williamsburg, Va. Red leather cigarette box, \$10; address book, \$11; writing portfolio, \$30; all at Abercrombie & Fitch, N. Y.

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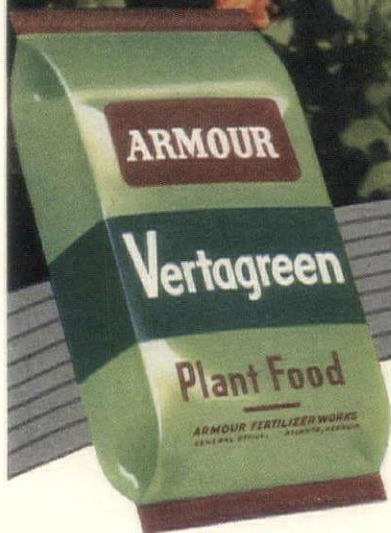
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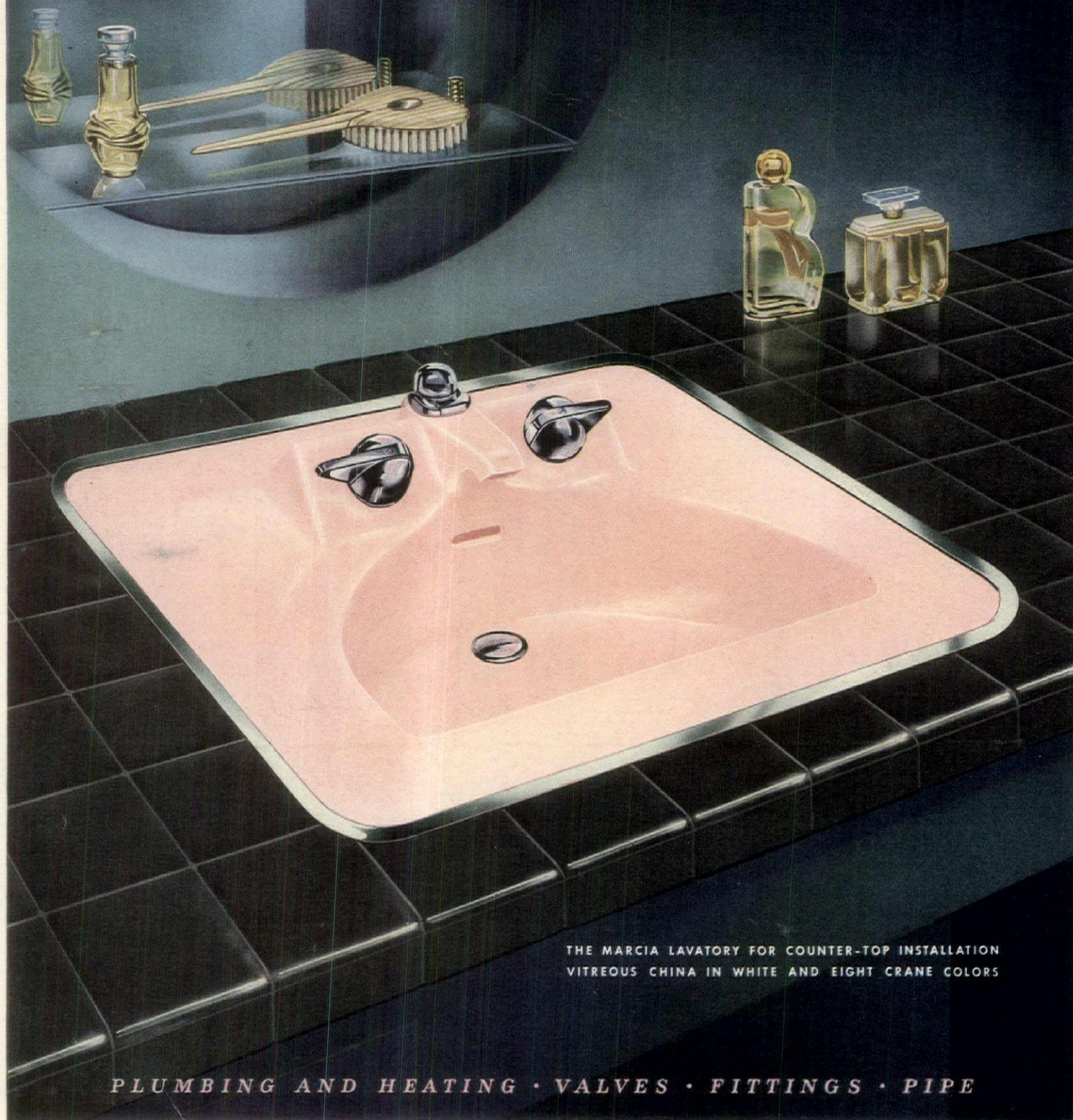
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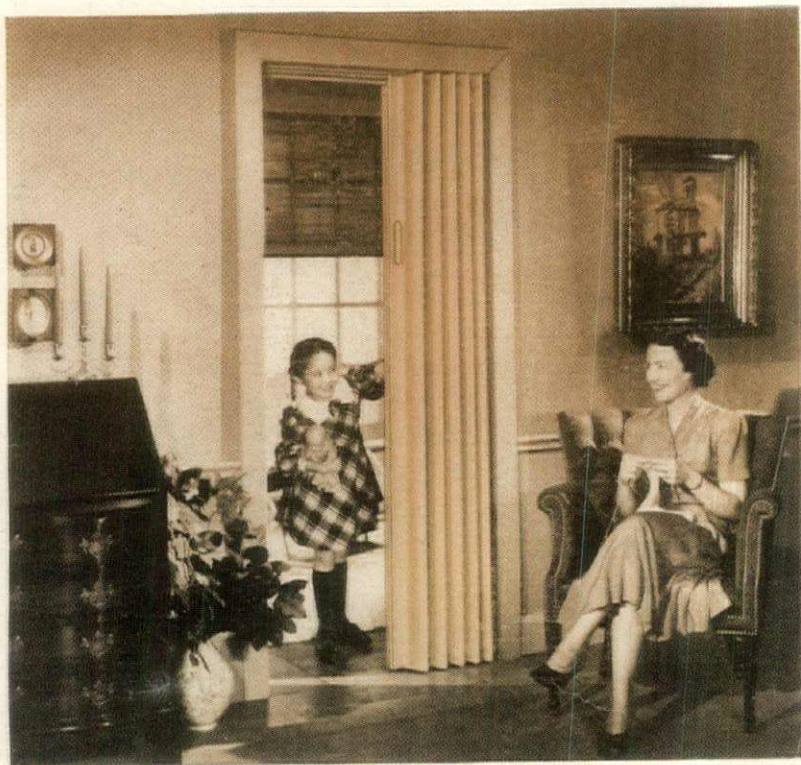
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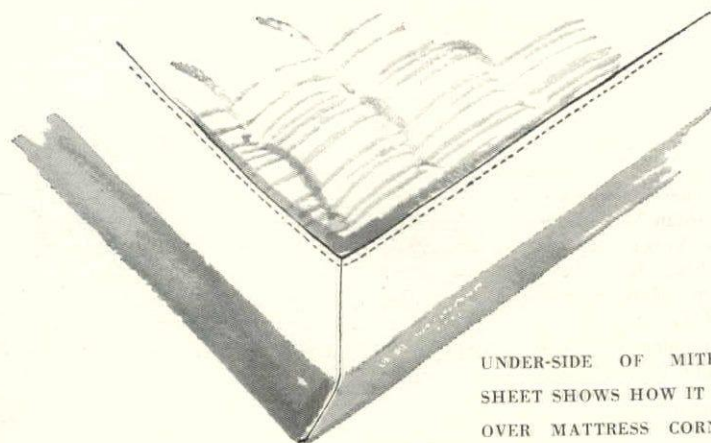
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Here is the shopping information for the merchandise on page 69.

All prices are approximate.

FURNITURE: Baker Furniture, twin-size bed, tortoise-shell finish, \$162; almond-finish night table, \$179; three-piece dressing table, almond finish \$756; teak finish armchair in upper photograph is \$143; in lower right photograph, mandarin chair in teak finish, \$238; all at W & J Sloane, New York. U. S. Rubber, Koylon foam mattress, single size 3" thick, \$70.

WALLPAPER: Inez Croom, Inc., "Fresco," \$10.50 roll, available through decorators.

CARPETING: Nye-Wait Co., beige nylon "Imperial Servana," also any special color, \$30 sq. yd., at Marshall Field, Chicago; Barker Brothers, Los Angeles; Lord & Taylor, New York.

CURTAINS: Vogue-Robertson Factories, white nylon marquisette curtains, 108", \$7.95, at Abraham & Straus, Brooklyn.

BEDSPREAD: N. Sumergrade & Sons, twin-size bedspread of cocoa-colored "Nymal" fabric, \$50. Altman's, New York, and City of Paris, San Francisco. Mallinson's "Nymal" fabric, 42" wide, \$4 yard, available through decorators in 15 colors.

ACCESSORIES (on dressing table): one of a pair of silver lamps with black shades, base, \$120; shade, \$18; Decorative Interiors, New York. White ironstone bowl, \$24, Hadleigh Inc., New York. On the night table: crystal column lamp, \$220, Charles J. Winston & Co., Inc., New York. Vase in Michelangelo pattern, \$9, Baccarat & Port-hault, Inc., New York. Over bed: Chinese panel, \$200, Reed & Stevenson, New York. Upper photograph: cocktail dress by Christian Dior—New York. Lower left photograph: hat, Christian Dior—New York. Lower right photograph: dress by Trigère, gold sandals on model by Julianelli, gold and black evening shoes in foreground by Evins.

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Here is the shopping information for the merchandise shown on the front cover and on page 91.

All prices are approximate.

All Thermador equipment is available at Jordan Marsh, Boston; Stern Bros., New York; Appliance Sales, Philadelphia; Keystone Kitchens, Pittsburgh; Marshall Field, Chicago; Barker's, Los Angeles.

Thermador equipment prices do not include freight charges.

Front cover

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Thermador Electrical Mfg. Co. top cooking surface includes three Thermo-Kleen heating units and one deep-well cooker, \$145 complete.

FURNITURE: Drexel Furniture Co. yellow Hubbard armchair, \$49 at Hathaway's, New York; Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney, St. Louis; and Barker's, Los Angeles.

FLOORING: American Tile & Rubber Co. "Amtico" black and white tile flooring, 12" x 12" squares, 50 cents sq. ft., plus installation, through your contractor.

WALLS: Katzenbach & Warren "Brick Wall" white sculptured wall covering, \$18 single roll, available through decorators.

ACCESSORIES: Cory deluxe electric

coffee maker, makes two to eight cups, \$29.95 including Fed. tax, Lewis & Conger, N. Y. Tall blonde wood pepper mill and salt shaker, \$6.95 pair from Post Mart, New York. Copper frying pans, left to right; oval, 10" x 6 3/4", \$11.50; round 10 1/2", \$11.50; 9 1/2", \$9.95; 8 1/2", \$8.50. Oval copper *au gratin* dishes, \$16.50 each. All from Bazar Français, New York. Wicker bread tray, 8 1/2" long, \$1.50, Piazza, House of Italian Handicrafts, New York. Pewter chalice, \$35, Sign of the Golden Ball, Williamsburg, Virginia. Flowers Colorado Carnations. Swedish wooden spoons, 45 cents to 80 cents each, all from Bonniers, New York. All pewter on the shelf is from Julia E. Kuttner, New York. Hostess costume designed by Clare Potter.

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Left: Completely automatic Thermador oven of stainless steel has timer clock, oven selector switch, temperature controls, interior light, baking and broiling units, Teleminute timer, \$155 complete.

Right: Fan-type Thermador electric wall heater of white enamel can be used as cooling unit in warm weather, \$70. *Bottom:* Thermador surface cooking unit includes three Thermo-Kleen heating units and one deep-well cooker, \$145 complete.

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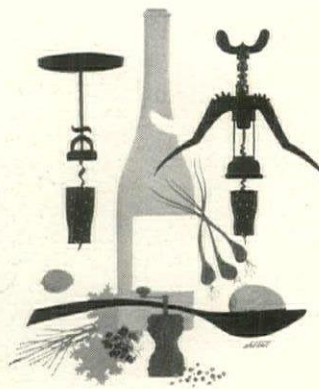
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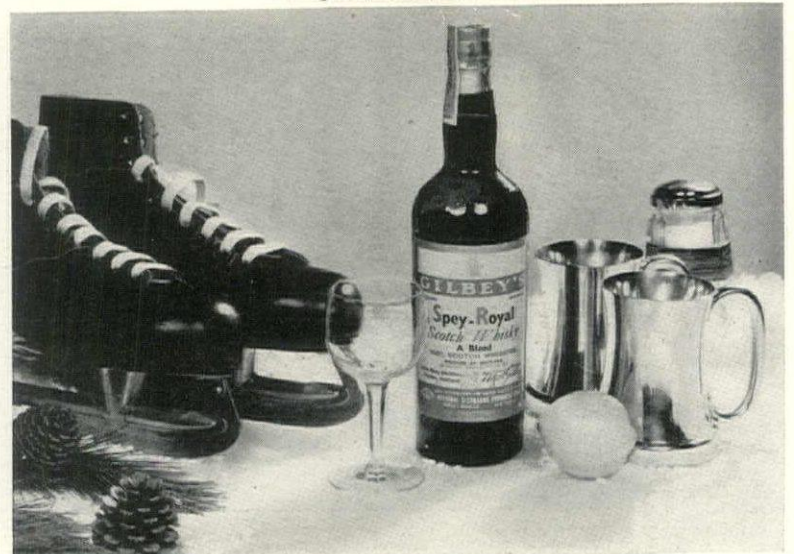


TURNS WITH A CORKSCREW

When ice covers lakes and snow powders tall timber, it's time for skates, skis, sleds, and warming drinks

HOLLANDERS have a lively custom when the long Dutch canals freeze over: whole families buckle on their skates and glide off down the line to visit relatives and neighbors. A nip of warmth from some hospitable Dutch bottle awaits the ring of gay blades on the canal, heralding the skaters. You, too, can serve good cheer by an open hearth after cutting figure eights on your local pond. You might try *Gay Blades* which calls for Scotch whiskey, a kettle of boiling water, two stout mugs (silver, solid or plated) with handles. Pour a wine glass of boiling water in one, whiskey in the other. Ignite Scotch to a blaze. Pour the ingredients of this liquid torch from mug to mug. Add sugar. The result, topped with a lemon peel spiral, is incandescent. Tobogganing, whether amateur or Olympic, is fast, zestful, exhilarating after lightning runs on icy slopes. *Lake Placid Winner*, a warm-up punch, will serve a baker's dozen bobsledders. You'll need 1 pint of sherry, 1 of claret, $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. brandy, 2 oz. aromatic bitters, $\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar. Mix spirits, wines, sugar in a flame-proof casserole. Simmer over fire until steaming. Serve in mugs. Scotland's "ain game," curling, has many devotees, takes a stout right arm and some frosty standing around while snow is being brushed off a level stretch of ice and players wait their turn at hurling the stones. *Café Kirsch* will take the chill off the losing team, toast the victors. Pour 2 liqueur glasses of Kirsch into a piping hot cup of black coffee. Sugar to taste. Top with whipped cream if desired. After a downhill homeward run, skiers from Aspen to the Eastern slopes will enjoy this warming bracer (it's called *Sitzmark*). Try an ounce of rye blended with $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. Swedish punch, $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. vermouth, 1 dash Angostura bitters, 2 dashes lemon juice. Ice, serve.

All liquor from Sherry Wine & Spirits Co., Inc., N. Y.



GAY BLADES, a liquid torch to warm up frost-nipped fingers after gliding around the rink to *The Skaters Waltz*. Gilbey's Spey-Royal blended Scotch whiskey, National Distillers Products Corp., N. Y. Sugar shaker, Hammacher Schlemmer. Silver mugs, skates, Abercrombie & Fitch, N. Y.





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CAFÉ KIRSCH for spectators along the snowbanks, and those who team up for Scotland's "ain game," curling. Kirsch D'Alsace Dolfin is from Bellows & Company Inc. Curling stone, crockery coffee pitcher, cup, saucer, glass, Abercrombie & Fitch. Broom, Hammacher Schlemmer.



SITZMARK, for thawing out over ski-talk in front of a Franklin stove or crackling logs. Four Roses, from Frankfort Distillers Corp., N. Y. Lejon sweet vermouth, National Distillers Products Corp. Bitters from Angostura-Wuppermann Corp. Skis, poles, glass, Abercrombie & Fitch.

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THE MOTOR ENTRANCE at the side of the house has parking space for two guest cars, room to turn around without excessive maneuvering. Garden tools, screens, other bulky things fit into closets at one side of the garage.

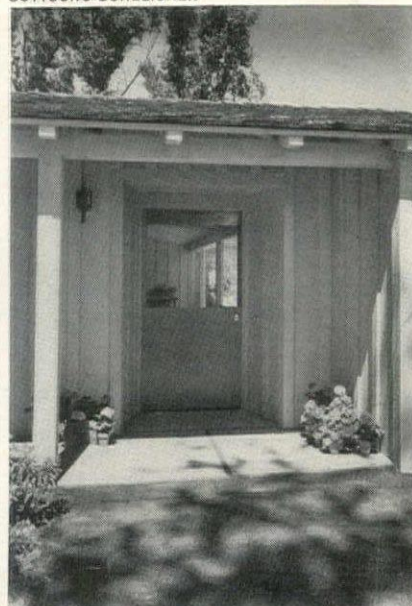
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BARKHORN HOUSE BUILDING DATA

FOUNDATION: Concrete and cement block. EXTERIOR WALLS: Cement plaster on galvanized wire lath; fir board and battens. ROOF: Hand split cedar shakes. INSULATION: Rock wool in walls and ceilings—United States Gypsum Co. DOORS: Rezo flush doors—Paine Lumber Co., Ltd.; garage doors, overhead type. WINDOWS: Horizontal sliding, wood—W. H. Barkhorn Co.; glass, ¼" plate and Double-A—Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. INTERIOR WALLS: Plaster on "Rock-lath"—United States Gypsum Co. CEILINGS: Plaster—United States Gypsum Co. FLOORS: "Flexachrome," plastic tiles throughout—Tile-Tex Co., Inc. HARDWARE: Schlage Lock Co. PAINTS: Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. HEATING: Radiant panel type. "Heat-pac" boiler, oil burner and water heater—Aldrich Co.; controls—Bell & Gossett Co. BATHROOM FIXTURES: American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp. KITCHEN EQUIPMENT: Cabinets—General Electric Co.; counters—Formica Insulation Co.; refrigerator—Frigidaire Division, General Motors Corp.; washing machine—Bendix Home Appliances, Inc.; built-in oven and separate cooking top units—Thermador Electrical Manufacturing Co.

GOTTSCHO-SCHLEISNER



THE SIDE DOOR is handy to the driveway and just a step from the garage at right, the kitchen at left. In summer the upper half of the Dutch door is left open to the breeze. In rainy weather, the porch offers shelter. The small closet beside the door allows tradesmen to deliver packages, even when the Barkhorns are out.

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Here is the shopping information for merchandise shown on page 60.

All prices are approximate.

FURNITURE: John B. Salterini Co., Inc., double bed, \$133; night table, chocolate walnut, \$175; upholstered club chair, \$190 in muslin; desk table, \$300; all at Bloomingdale's, New York; Woodward & Lothrop, Washington; and Scruggs-Vandervoort-Barney, St. Louis. Venetian desk chair, eighteenth century, white damask or brocade seat, \$160 at Lavezzo Inc., New York.

CARPET: Adamo Co., "Boucléweave," carnation pink, 12' x 15', \$9 sq. yd. at Jackson Furniture Co., Oakland, Calif.

WALLPAPER: Pink and white stripe, \$1.85 single roll at Thomas Strahan & Co., New York.

MATTRESS: Spring-Air, full size, \$49.50.

COMFORTER: Clover Comfort Co., "Dahlia," Alpine pink, Lustracel by Celanese, hand-stitched and bound, 80" x 90", \$45 at Bloomingdale's, New York, by special order.

BLANKET: Springfield Woolen Mills, "Radiant," all wool, Panama pink, 80" x 90", \$33 at Marshall Field, Chicago.

SHEETS: Fieldcrest Mills, "Duracale" percale, dawn pink, two 81" x 108", and two 45" pillow cases, \$9.75 at Barker's, Los Angeles.

BED SKIRT is made of Goodall Fabrics, "Sapphire," raspberry with gold fleck, 54" wide, \$10.80 yd., available through decorators.

ACCESSORIES (on night table): White porcelain urn lamp, \$175, white shade, \$12, W. Jay Saylor, New York. Eight-day silver traveling clock, \$106, including Fed. tax. Black, Starr & Gorham, New York. Eau de parfum "Something Blue," \$4, Gourielli, New York.

ON DESK: Two silver picture frames, small, \$20; large, \$35; silver desk pad, 16" x 21", \$80; prices include Federal tax, all at Black, Starr & Gorham, New York. White leaf vase, \$10; red box with gold band, \$2.50; both at Ruby Ross Wood, New York. Louis XV red toile inkstand, \$275, Charles C. Paterson, New York. "L'Arc de Triomphe" lamp base with paper shade, \$285, James Amster, New York.

PORTRAITS: over bed, "Girl in Plum Colored Coat" by Margery Ryerson; over desk, "Portrait of Judy" by Amalia Castaldo; both from Portraits, Inc., New York.

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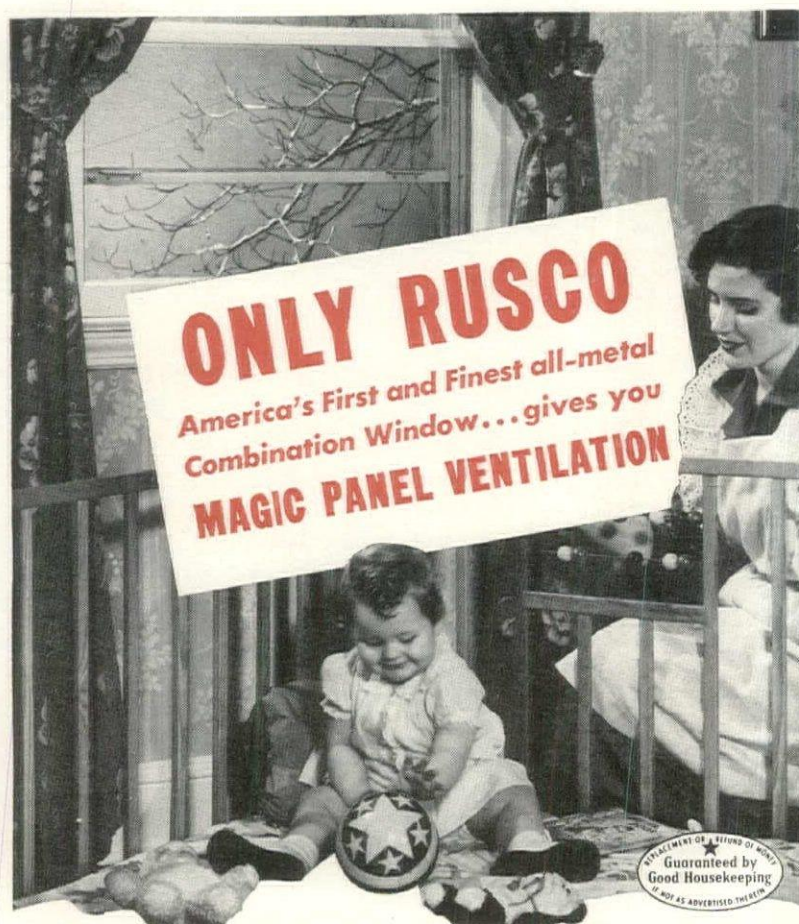
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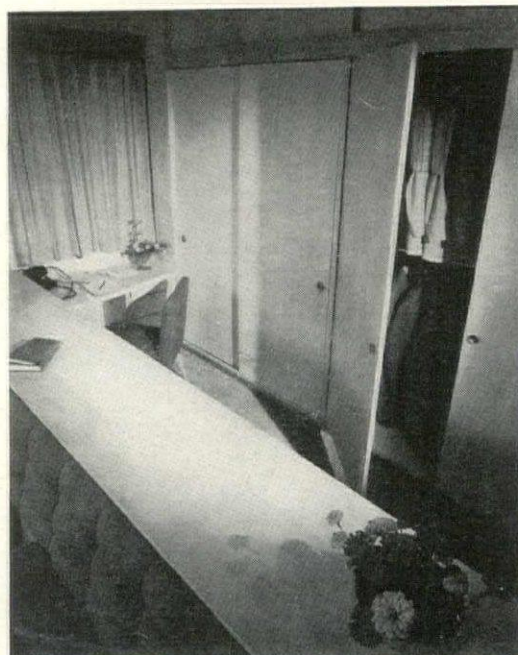
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THE MAIN ENTRANCE is wide and welcoming. The deep recess offers shelter in rainy weather, a line of concealed fluorescent tubes lights the way in. Coats go into two capacious closets at left. The paved terrace is directly ahead.

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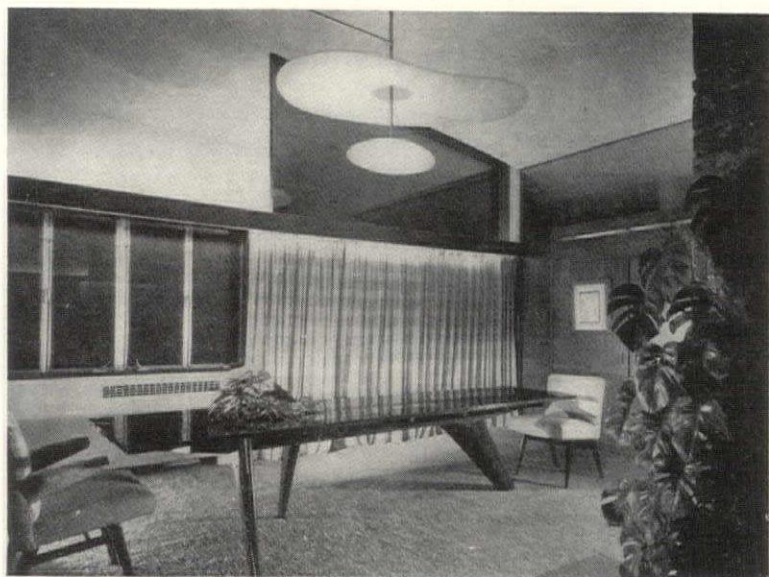
THE house is in character with its surroundings. The architects have set the house so carefully that less than a year after excavation it has a completely established air. As you drive up, only the low line of the eaves is visible among the trees. Because the entrance walk curves up around a ledge dotted with tiny rock plants, the wide doorway is hidden until you turn the corner. Then, through walls of glass, you can see the lake beyond the house. You have a glimpse of the living room with its arrangement of paintings against a burlap-covered wall (the surfacing of rough-textured cloth permits the owners to change pictures as frequently as they like from their collection of modern paintings). Forest green chairs, a deep red couch contribute color and comfort. A wall of glass (14' high, 35' wide) faces out to the view. Summer meals are served out on the screened porch in the path of the cool westerly breeze off the lake. The south-facing terrace is rimmed by rock gardens, is pleasantly warm as late as October. *More pictures on page 116.*



MR. DRETZIN's dressing space has a full wall of closets, a small built-in desk. The headboard incorporates cabinets and clothes trays on the dressing room side.



THE BRIDGE to the porch seems suspended in foliage. Wistaria is beginning to weave about the railing; forsythia, at lower level, is a yellow shower in spring.



IN THE DINING ROOM, buff-colored walls and carpet offer a rich, neutral background for the lustrous red-brown of the table, the accent of bright sprout green chairs. Mrs. Dretzin's table linens are chocolate brown and kingfisher blue.

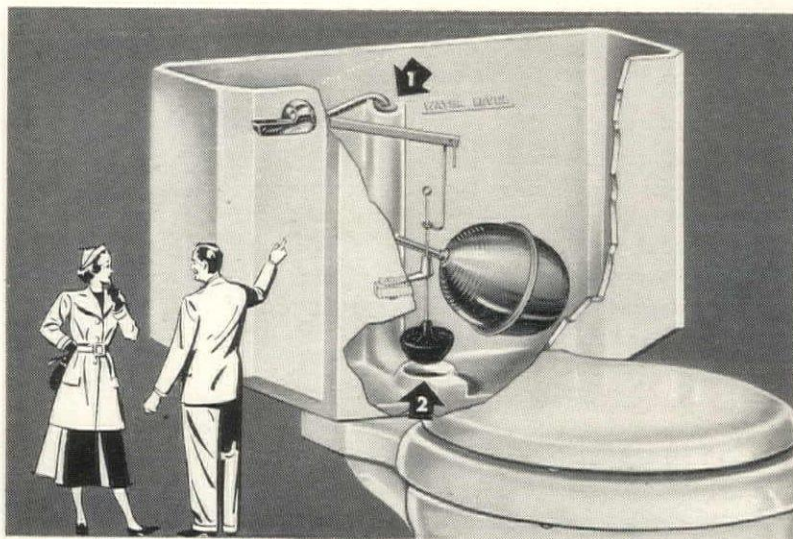
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SPOTLIGHTS on the bedroom garden silhouette trees against the night. White wool curtains (woven by Trude Guernonprez) are opalescent with blue and gold threads.

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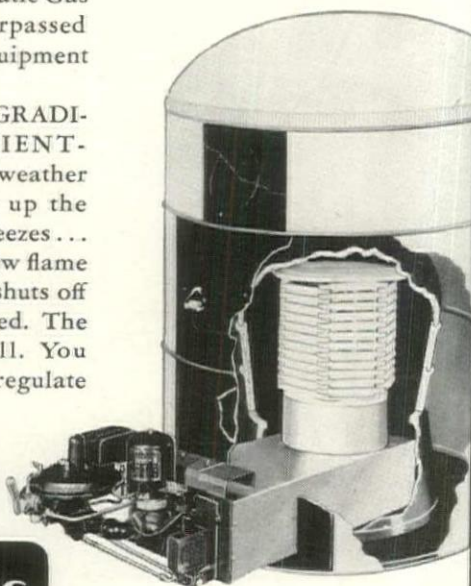
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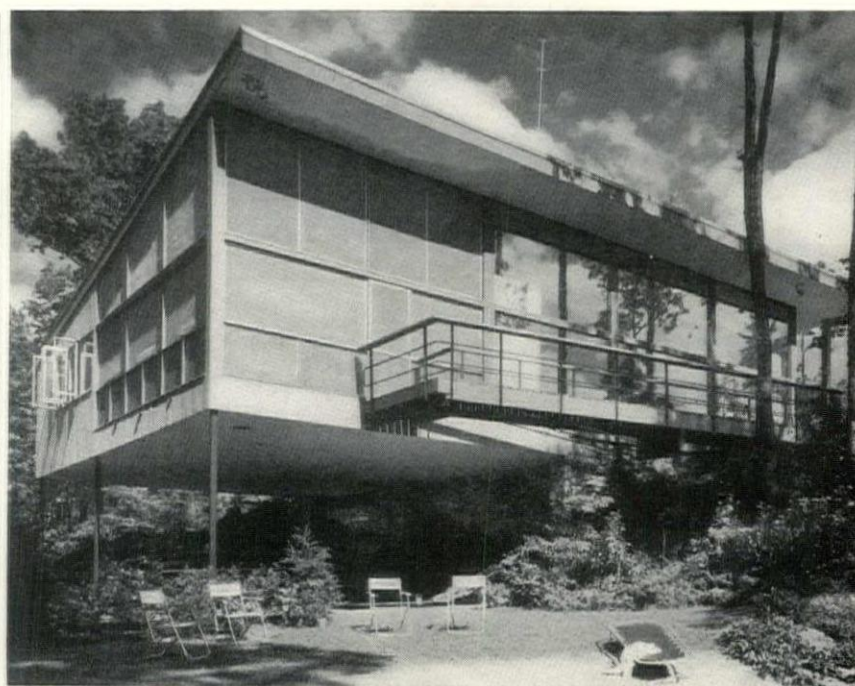
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THE HOUSE rests on a rocky promontory overlooking the lake, one end anchored to the ledge, the other extended out to form the roof of the carport. Weathered cypress siding walls blend naturally with the woodland setting.

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DRETZIN HOUSE BUILDING AND DECORATING DATA

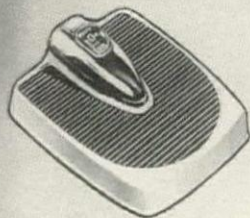
FOUNDATION: Poured concrete. EXTERIOR WALLS: Stone; 6" tongue and groove cypress. ROOF: Built-up, bluestone chip finish—Barrett. INSULATION: "Fiberglas"—Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp. DOORS: Flush gumwood—U. S. Plywood Corp. WINDOWS: Aluminum casements—A.B.C. Steel Equipment Co., Inc.; GLASS: "Twindow" double glass, all mirrors—Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.; FIREPLACE: Stone; terra-cotta flue lining; damper—Donley Bros. Co.; firescreen—Bennett-Ireland, Inc. INTERIOR WALLS: Living room—U. S. Plywood Corp.; bedrooms, plaster; bathrooms, "Carrara"—Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. CEILINGS: "Sabinite" acoustical plaster—U. S. Gypsum Co. FLOORS: Living and bedroom, hand-loomed carpets—V'Soske, Inc.; guest room, kitchen, hall, bath and maid's room are rubber tile—Armstrong Cork Co.; entries, flagstone. HARDWARE: Finish hardware—Sargent & Co.; closets—Knap & Vogt Mfg. Co. EXTERIOR PAINT: Weathering gray creosote stain—Samuel Cabot, Inc. INTERIOR PAINT: Martin-Senour Co.; stain on natural cypress walls—Samuel Cabot, Inc. LIGHTING FIXTURES: Outdoor floods and recessed "Hi-Hats"—Gotham Lighting Corp.; pin point—Century Lighting Inc.; special dining room fixture made by Edison Price. HEATING: Radiant panel in upper entrance, circulating hot water elsewhere. Furnace and boiler—Fitzgibbons Boiler Co., Inc.; controls—Minneapolis Honeywell Regulator Corp.; convectors—Trane Co. and Vulcan Radiator Co.; tankless water heater—Taco Heaters, Inc. BATHROOM FIXTURES: American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp. KITCHEN AND LAUNDRY: Cabinets and stainless-steel counters—Cox Kitchens, Inc.; sink—American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp.; dishwasher and waste disposer—Hotpoint, Inc.; range—Thermador Electrical Mfg. Co.; refrigerator—Crosley; fan—ILG Electric Ventilating Co.; washer, dryer, ironer—Bendix Home Appliances, Inc. CONTRACTOR: Joseph Moje. LIVING AREA: Couch, chairs, small table—Jens Risom Design, Inc.; Noguchi coffee table; card table—Dunbar Furniture Mfg. Co.; storage wall, Noguchi dining table made by Kichi Nishino; built-in radio, phonograph, television—RCA Victor; all fabrics by Trude Guernonprez. MASTER BEDROOM: Beds, "Rest Foam" latex foam rubber—Hewitt; chairs—Jens Risom Design, Inc.; table made by Devon Dennett; dressing stool—Herman Miller Furniture Co.; bleached mahogany cabinets made by Kichi Nishino; all fabrics by Trude Guernonprez. PORCH: Table, chairs—James Amster; china, glass, silver, linens from Carole Stupell, Ltd.; TERRACE: Hardoy chairs—Knoll Associates, Inc.; table—Van Keppel-Green. BEACH: Lounge, chairs from Hammacher Schlemmer. KITCHEN: Eames chairs—Herman Miller; table by Devon Dennett; curtains—Arundell Clarke; "Mixmaster," "Coffee-master"—Sunbeam Corp.; pots—Revere Copper & Brass Co.

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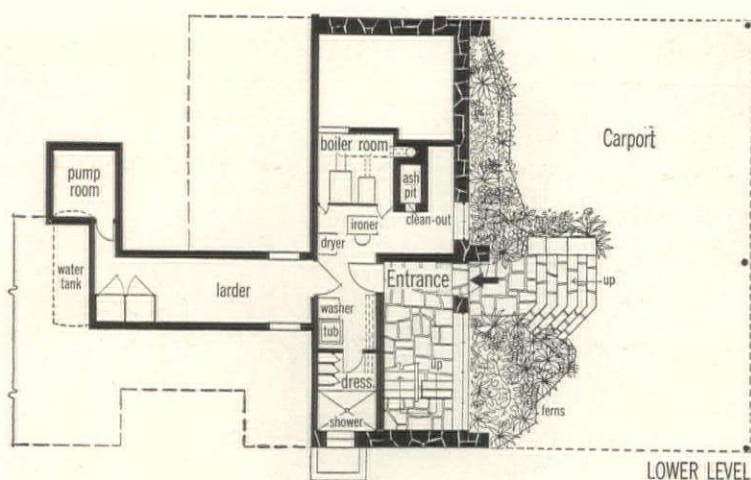
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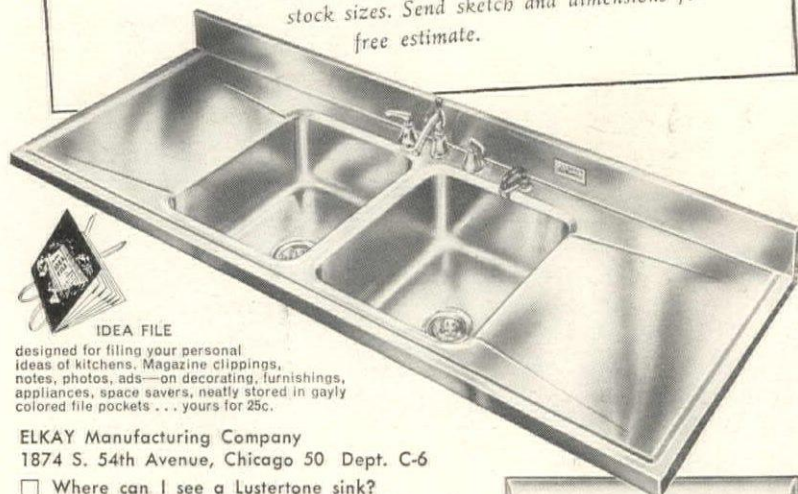


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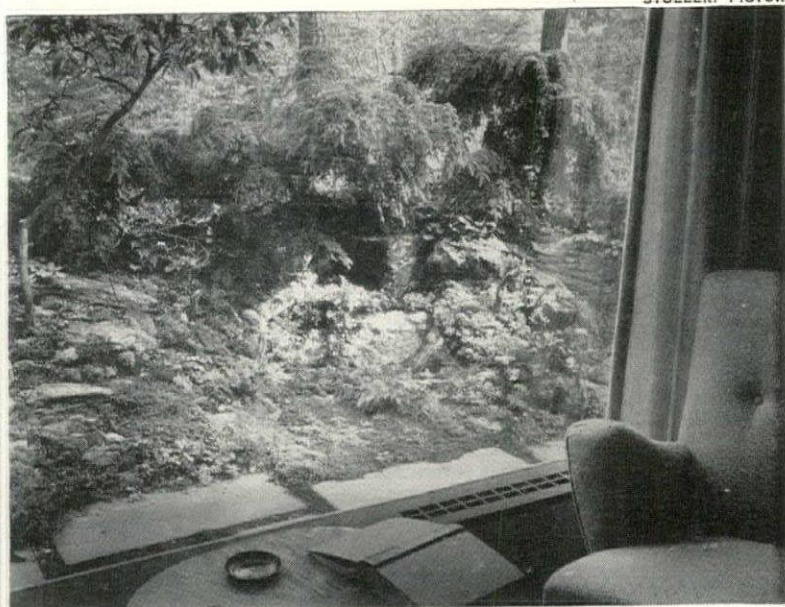
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IN THE ROCK GARDEN outside the bedroom is a natural knoll with the original stumps and roots left in and exposed. The planting there is designed for an interplay of darkness and light, with 15 varieties of moss and spatulated saxifrages. From four to six weeks in June, hundreds of lovely, large, flesh-pink flowers appear on the tiny dwarf alpine, *Azalea indica balsaminaeflora*.

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and cultivated broad-leaved and needle evergreens are used wherever appropriate. Mountain laurel, *Pieris japonica* and *P. floribunda*, *Leucothoe catesbaei*, and the small-leaved *Rhododendron carolinianum*, which blooms at the time of the native azaleas from the woods, give flower color in spring, foliage tones in variety the year through. Low-growing junipers such as *J. horizontalis*, its bluish-gray variety *douglasii* or Waukegan and that known as Bar Harbor juniper blend with the rocks and give good color in purples and blues during the winter.

THE ROCKERIES

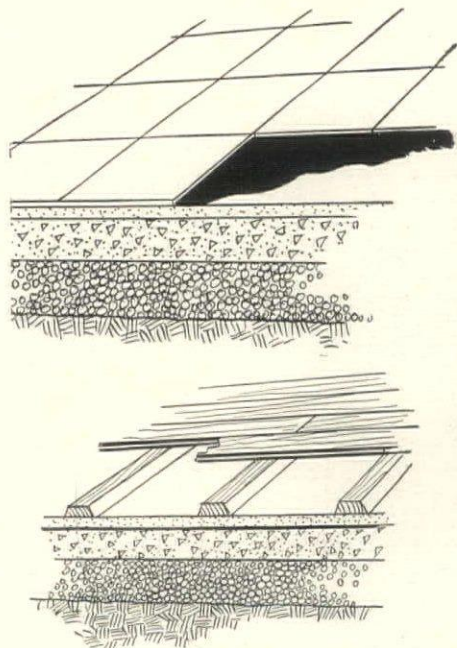
In spring the rockeries are a riot of color, from the very earliest buttercup yellow of *Eranthis hyemalis* in early March, chionodoxas in mid-March with their blue and white, star-marked flowers, along with the white and green of snowdrops, followed by the brilliant blue of hundreds of scillas. Then the many species of narcissus provide soft and brighter yellows while the botanical tulips give hot reds and delicate pinks and whites in candy stripes, a contrast to the sky-blues and deeper purplish-blues of *Iris pumila* and other early dwarf iris. The deep blue of the scillas is massed to offset the vibrant pinks of *Phlox subulata* in its many colored types. In the deeper pockets of the rockery, the taller pale blues and lavenders of *Phlox divaricata* and *P. amoena* soon appear.

In the bank planting above the lawn (4 on page 59) the glossy-leaved *Abelia grandiflora* gives some height while graceful *Leucothoe* adds its bronze tones to the fall and winter color, its white flowers in spring. Summer color is obtained with foliage begonias, replaced yearly. In a pocket at the front corner of this bank is a col-

lection of blue and white alpine campanulas with *Arenaria montana* whose white flowers hold their color after dark and gleam in the dusk. Everywhere in the rockeries and on the ledges are different varieties of sempervivums and sedums, clinging to the stones and adding their foliage tones of lavender greens, maroons, gray-greens and ghostly whites. *Sempervivum arachnoideum*, the spider-web house-leek, covers one whole ledge at the front of the house with a glistening silvery-gray against the blue of the lake. This and over 30 other varieties of these hen-and-chicken type of rock plants are employed everywhere on ledges and among the granite rocks.

GARDEN IN THE WOODS

In the opening at the end of the lawn path is a horseshoe-shaped cutting garden for perennials and annuals, a colorful spot in this sun pocket created in the natural woodland. Native trees abound on all sides and include many white and chestnut oaks with some red oaks, sugar and red maples, dozens of beeches, some with unusual shapes, a few tulip trees, tall and stately. Among the small flowering trees, white dogwoods bloom in the spring, yellow witch hazel blossoms delight in the winter months and the red berries of *Ilex verticillata* remain after the foliage is gone. Other undergrowth shrubs include many wild azaleas, bayberry and both tall and dwarf blueberries, with ground covers of partridge-berry and many of the almost-rare and impossible-to-transplant pink ladyslippers. The soft silhouettes of the hemlocks serve to blend the whole picture of this natural woodland, and their blue-green foliage provides welcome color throughout the winter months.



FINISH FLOORING for basement or basementless house. Asphalt tile, other resilient floor materials, can be laid directly on the concrete slab (it has 1" cement finish). Concrete slab can be the finish floor too, painted or stained in color. Wood flooring can be laid over foundation of basementless house. Waterproofing membrane must be under slab, boards must be laid over wood strips called "sleepers." They are impregnated with termite-proof wood preservative.

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floor or ceiling heating or baseboard heating) can be installed in houses with or without basements. When your fuel is coal, storage space is generally necessary below ground level.

DOES IT COST MORE TO BUILD A HOUSE WITH OR WITHOUT A BASEMENT? The cost of a basement depends on the climate, the nature of the soil, the topography of a particular lot as the preceding paragraphs point out. So does the cost of a house without a basement. A basementless house built on a steep slope in a cold climate would certainly be no cheaper than one with a basement. Such a site in such a climate would require high supporting walls under part of the house to fit it to the slope; it would need foundation wall footings carried below the frost line as a safeguard against the cold. The cost of these would do away with any savings achieved in omitting a basement. But a small rectangular basementless house built on a level lot in a moderate climate could be built more cheaply than its counterpart with a basement. This has been demonstrated effectively by a government housing agency analysis of the two types of houses. (This saving isn't claimed for two-story houses.)

In general, the house with a basement is apt to be more compact in plan. This is a cost-saving feature because it is more economical to build vertically than horizontally. When laundry, utility and storage space are transferred from below ground to the first floor, they spread out the house and increase wall and roof costs. They also increase the cost of the lot, for it must be larger to hold a larger house. Another drawback to basementless houses is the fact that they are not generally given as high a mortgage loan as houses with basements. And in many communities there are still local codes and ordinances prohibiting houses without basements.

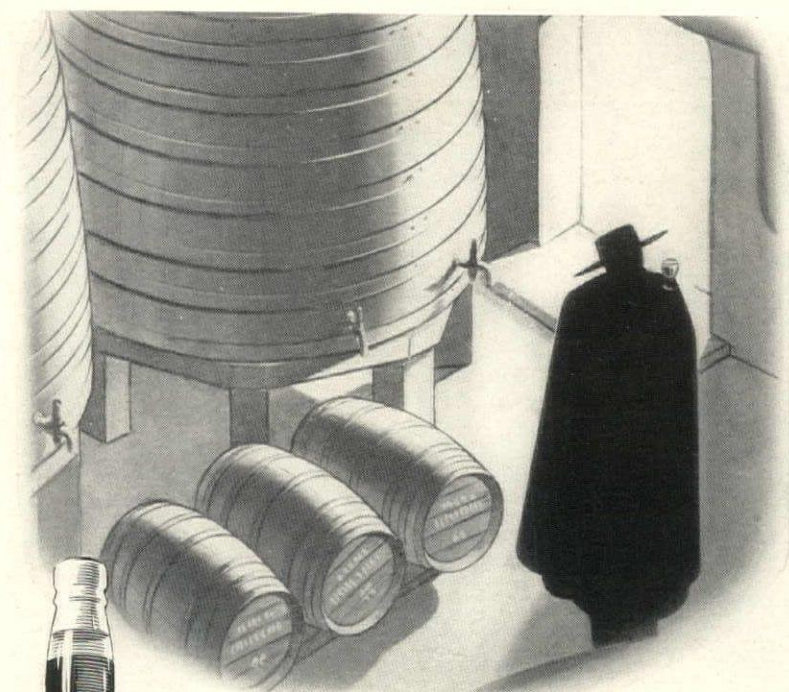
FOUNDATION BUILDING METHODS

WHAT TYPE OF FOUNDATIONS WILL YOU BUILD? Whichever you choose—

basement or no basement, according to your needs and your lot—your house requires firm and durable foundations, properly designed and constructed. Here is a check list of construction features:

FULL BASEMENT CONSTRUCTION (illustrated on page 82): *Footings* are supports of concrete, cast in place, to carry the weight of foundation walls. Their size depends on local building code regulations, on the weight they must support, on the load-bearing quality of the soil. Their width is twice foundation-wall thickness, their height equals the wall thickness, in general practice. They must be placed on solid, not filled, ground. Local building codes stipulate whether the bottom of the footing must be below the frost line. *Foundation walls* are the walls enclosing the basement and carrying the weight of the house. They may be poured concrete, concrete block, hollow tile, brick or stone. Such masonry should be laid with waterproofed cement mortar and should get two coats of waterproofed cement plaster on the outside. Building codes stipulate wall thickness. In a frame house, foundation walls should be carried well above ground level to keep wood away from ground. Make basement ceiling high enough—over 7 feet is desirable. *Concrete basement floor* should not be less than 4" thick, laid in one course. If there is ground water pressure, a thicker slab is necessary. It can be put down in two layers with a membrane waterproofing between. Floor should be partly supported by the footings; may be anchored to them as a precaution. Joint where floor and walls meet should be filled with hot bituminous material. *Drainage* of water away from basement is vital. Placing open drain tile around house foundations is recommended unless it is in a dry climate or soil drains easily. Placed at side of footing (bottoms of each at same level), tile should slope to an outlet. Open joints between tiles must be covered with pieces of roofing felt. Cover tile with loose backfill of broken stone and coarse gravel.

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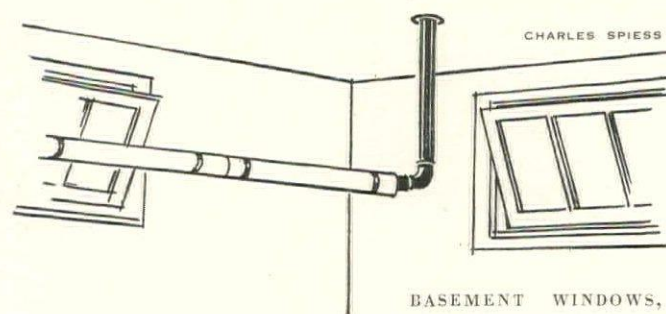
House downspouts should connect with underground piping to carry water away from the house; slope grounds to drain water away, too. Basement floor and window areaways may be equipped with floor drains. *Termites and dry rot*, potential destroyers of all wood parts of your house, can be kept at bay by using lumber treated with preservatives for framework, areaway windows, etc. Metal shields, placed on top of the foundation wall and bent downward at an angle, are deterrents. Pipes which go into the ground get conical shields. *Safety* is an important factor in basement space. Interior stairs, which may be the only exit, ought to be of concrete instead of wood. Include an outside cellar door or stair where possible. Do not allow boiler or furnace and their pipes to come close to wood framed walls and ceilings. Pre-cast concrete floor joists can be used as nonflammable structural members.

SLAB FOUNDATION CONSTRUCTION (illustrated on page 83): *Footings*. Though the floor slab is laid directly on the ground in a basementless house, footings below the frost line are generally needed in a cold climate. They support the outside walls. "Floating" slab foundations, omitting such footings and foundation walls, are successfully built in some areas. *Foundation walls* may be of poured concrete, concrete block, hollow tile, other masonry. They have the same kind of requirements for size, strength, as full basement walls. *Floor*. A floor that is dry and warm is a principal concern in building a slab foundation. Slab must be above level of surrounding land, not in low-lying or damp areas. Site should be tamped and a bed of gravel, stone

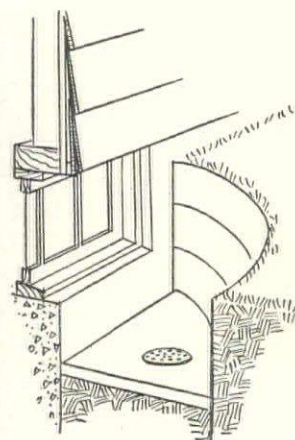
or other fill laid. This is topped with a cement coat. It provides a surface for membrane damp-proofing (layers of hot asphalt and asphalt roofing felt) which keeps out moisture. Membrane covers whole floor area and is carried up interior walls above finish floor line. It must not be punctured. Concrete slab is placed over it and metal reinforcement can be laid in this to give floor added strength. Insulating material is placed between edges of floor slab and foundation walls and as a border around the floor slab. If concrete slab includes panel heating coils, insulation may be placed under the whole floor. Using a layer of insulating concrete with the slab is another possibility. *Drainage*. Drain tile can be laid around the house next to footings. The gravel fill under slab and the grading of the land away from the foundations help to drain the site, too.

OTHER TYPES OF FOUNDATIONS: There are several alternatives to a full basement or foundations placed directly on the ground. "Crawl space" construction has only a 2 or 3 foot excavation under the house (footings and foundation walls must still go below frost line in cold climates). This space must be well ventilated as a safeguard against moisture under house and the ground floor must be insulated to keep it warm. Some new houses are including such shallow excavation under the house, insulating it tightly and making it a warm-air heating chamber under the whole house. There are heating outlets in rooms as well, so this scheme offers benefits of both radiant and convected types of heating. Another alternative is to build only a partial basement—just large enough to house

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BASEMENT WINDOWS, above. Enough windows to give good cross ventilation are necessary in basement. They help to eliminate dampness and moisture caused by condensation on walls and floors. (Moisture caused when warm basement air strikes cold walls or floor.) Insulating cold-water pipes will prevent condensation dripping from them. **AREAWAYS**, left, let you include basement windows below the level of the lawn. They may be constructed of concrete or ready-made half circle metal forms. Windows must be above areaway level so water cannot seep in. Drain in areaway prevents water collecting.



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HOW TO HAVE A WATERTIGHT HOUSE: Water is the enemy of all house construction but particularly of foundations. It can come from several sources. Here are the causes: (1) Condensation inside the house is the mildest form. It collects on basement walls, floors, pipes. (2) Rain water, above ground. Unless you provide means of directing it away it can drain into your basement. (3) Underground water. It comes from springs or lakes nearby and is present in all low-lying or damp house sites. It is the gravest water problem. Cures for all three: (1) *Condensation:* In summer it is warm outside the basement walls and cool inside. Basement air, consequently, condenses into moisture on interior walls and floors to create dampness. Warm air will condense on cellar cold-water pipes. To avoid such condensation on interior surfaces there must be enough windows or ventilating grilles. To avoid dripping pipes, insulate them. Dehumidifiers will also help to absorb moisture in the basement caused by condensation. (2) *Surface water:* Laying drain tile beside the footings; sloping the land away from the house and installing drain pipe to take away water from gutters and downspouts has been mentioned in the preceding descriptions of foundation construction. It is also essential that all joints between basement floor and walls be filled with a watertight compound. If cracks develop on interior basement

walls, they can be repaired and the walls covered with a waterproofed cement plaster coat. (3) *Underground water:* The major waterproofing measures are applied to the outside walls of basements, to basement floors, to floors of basementless houses. These precautions may be as necessary with surface water as with underground water. The measures for insuring a dry floor have been described for both basement and basementless construction on page 119.

Here are the principal ways of waterproofing the walls. They are illustrated on page 83. *Damp-proofing* consists of the application of waterproofed portland cement plaster to the outside of basement walls followed by hot asphalt or tar. One asphalt coat for poured concrete walls, two for masonry walls. *Integral waterproofing* is for poured concrete walls. A waterproofed portland cement is used or a special compound is put into the concrete as it is mixed to make a denser, water-repellent mixture. *Membrane waterproofing* is made up of layers of asphalt roofing felt impregnated with hot asphalt and tar and applied to the exterior walls. Installing an electric sump pump in the basement is a possible last-ditch measure when waterproofing measures cannot cope with ground water problems. It pumps water out instead of trying to keep it out.

Finally, all waterproofing precautions can only be as good as the workmanship with which they are applied and the maintenance you give them.

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TRANSPORTATION

By air: Trans World Airlines has four direct flights a week from New York to Madrid. Trip takes about 20 hours; one way, \$384; round trip, \$691.20; 60-day excursion rate until April 30, \$523.90; 15-day excursion rate until March 31, \$442. Pan American Airways has 2 direct flights a week from New York to Barcelona. Trip takes about 20 hours; one way, \$392; round trip, \$705.60; 60-day excursion rate, \$543.70. By March 16 a 15-day excursion rate of \$457.40 will probably be in effect. Air France has service from New York to Madrid and Barcelona via Paris; American Airlines from New York to Madrid via Amsterdam, all for the same fares as those quoted above. Sabena Airlines has two flights a week from New York to Madrid via Brussels. Trip takes about 19 hours one way, \$440.50; round trip, \$792.90. KLM has a flight from Miami to Madrid via the West Indies which takes about two days, stopping at Caracas, Paramaribo, Dakar and Lisbon; one way, \$684; round trip, \$1230.40. 60-day fare, \$1065.70.

By sea: The Spanish Line has ships leaving from New York for Coruna and Santander once a month. The trip takes 9 days. Minimum first-class fare: one way, \$400, round trip, \$800. Beginning March 23 the Home Lines' *Atlanta* leaves New York once a month for Barcelona, the *Italia* leaves for Lisbon. Both trips take 8 days. Minimum first-

class fare: one way \$350; round trip, \$700; after May 15, \$385 and \$770. The *Sobieski* of the Gdynia American Line leaves once a month for Gibraltar. Minimum first-class fare, June and July: one way, \$415; round trip, \$830; other times, \$375 and \$750. Bergen Line's *Stella Polaris* leaves New Orleans on March 8 for a 57-day cruise that stops at Havana, St. Thomas, Madeira, Casablanca, Málaga, Tunis, Malta, Catania, Messina, Naples, Monaco, Tangiers, Ponta Delgada, Nassau. Minimum first class fare: \$1310. On May 8 the same ship leaves New Orleans for a 45-day cruise, stopping at Havana, St. Thomas, Madeira, Casablanca, Málaga, Algiers, Tunis, Malta, Catania, Messina, Naples, Monaco, Barcelona, Palma, Tangiers, Lisbon, London. Minimum first class fare: \$1030. The Cunard White Star Line's *Britannic* leaves New York January 28 for a 54-day cruise, stopping at Madeira, Casablanca, Algiers, Malta, Tel Aviv, Rhodes, Istanbul, Piraeus, Alexandria, Palermo, Naples, Genoa, Villefranche, Barcelona, Palma, Gibraltar, Lisbon, Cherbourg, Southampton. Minimum first class fare is \$1350. The American Export Lines *Vulcania* and *Saturnia* leave New York fortnightly for Gibraltar, the *La Guardia* leaves monthly. Trip takes 8 days. Minimum first class fares: one way, \$350; round trip, \$700 until May 15; afterwards, \$380, \$760.



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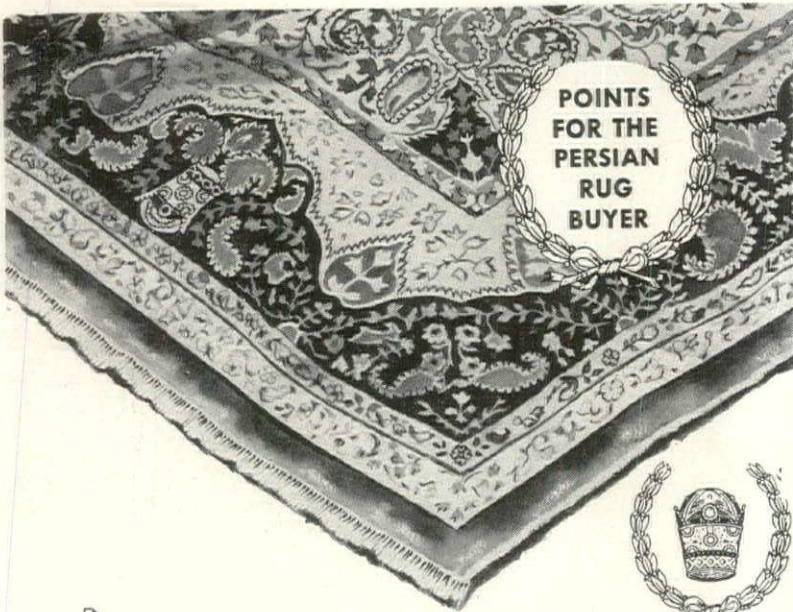
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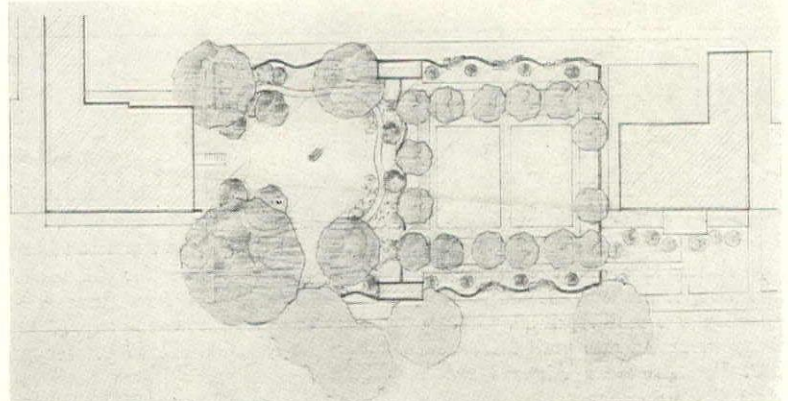
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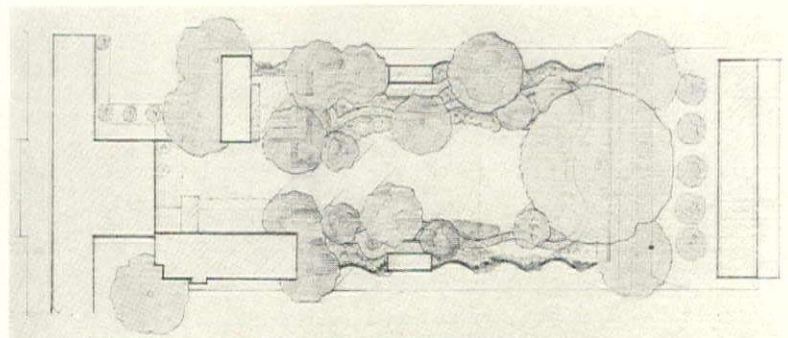
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AT each side of the famous lawn which leads to the rotunda at the University of Virginia, are five small formal and semi-formal gardens originally designed by Thomas Jefferson, founder of the University and architect for its buildings and grounds. With the advice of Alden Hopkins, landscape architect for Colonial Williamsburg, the Garden Club of Virginia will restore these ten pavilion gardens to Mr. Jefferson's plan as engraved by Peter Maverick early in the nineteenth century. The trend in garden design was changing in America during this period. The formal parterres of the late 1700's were slowly giving way to a less formal style, to serpentine walls and walks, informal placing of trees, shrub groups and flower beds. The designs of the garden layouts, two of which are shown here, thus combined the fashions of two periods, leaning more heavily on the later style, which still prevails today. In so far as possible, informality was applied to a somewhat geometric area, between the resident pavilions for faculty and students on one side, and the smaller student quarters with dining halls on the other. Along with the new design trend there was a craze for new and exotic plants (just as there is now). Mr. Jefferson was extremely interested in this phase and had trees, shrubs and other plants sent him from all over the world. The basic fundamentals of design shown in these plans may help you in planning a city or suburban garden. They are soundly laid out and artistically good. Consult your nurseryman for trees, shrubs and flowers appropriate to your climate.

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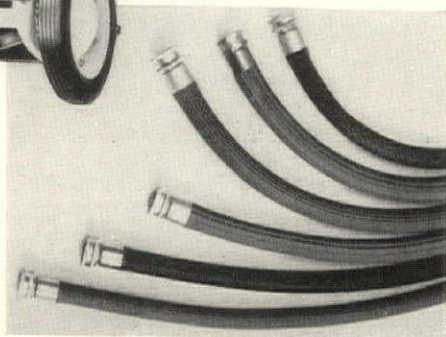
PAVILION THREE garden is adapted from those at Mount Vernon and Monticello. A long oval lawn is surrounded by serpentine gravel walks which wind in and out of planting beds typical of the period. An urn under a large ash terminates the west end of the lawn. A turf ramp leads down from pavilion court to lawn. Existing trees will be supplemented by plants considered exotic in 1820-25.

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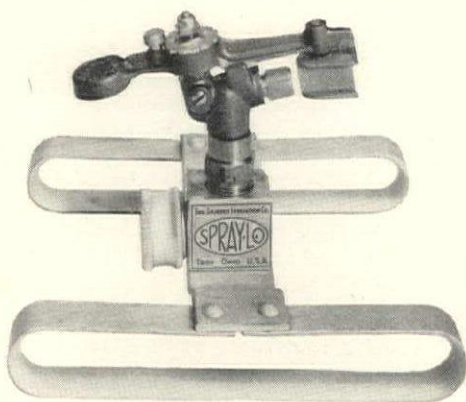
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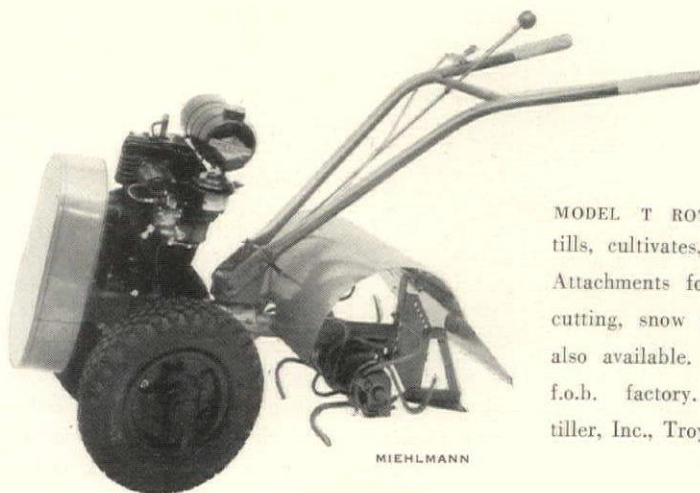
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love, announce their engagement and their intention of becoming New Yorkers. With their eyes shining like glass bricks they begin to accumulate the things they are going to have in their new home. With what money they have, they buy a bed designed last year by George Nelson and a couple of pressed plywood chairs by Charles Eames. Then a crate arrives from the young man's aunt. It contains a colonial pie-crust table and a wicker-backed rocker that belonged to the young man's father. By the time they have got married and found an apartment in a remodeled brownstone, they have accumulated from well-meaning friends and relatives a painted Mexican chair, a Victorian loveseat, two maple mirrors and a white chest of drawers with ivy leaves painted on it. There isn't a single comfortable chair, and while they would like a modern easy chair, it is too expensive for them, and they find a thing at an auction that has everything in comfort that it lacks in distinction. To keep their bare feet off the cold bedroom floor they end up with a slightly worn piece of flowered Brussels carpet from her mother's attic.

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It is their plan that little by little they will get rid of this incongruous free-for-all and add to the Nelson and the Eames until they are modern from bed to home freezer. But even if they prosper with unusual alacrity, it is unlikely that they will ever succeed. The painted furniture will gradually recede to remoter parts of the household, the maple mirrors will reflect the children's chapped faces, the Brussels carpet may even end up in the little library, along with a Regency desk inherited from the aunt who finally died, and two large, luxurious, and somewhat periodless chairs, so comfortable and so well made that nobody could part with them.

And meanwhile objects have been accumulating, not with any plan or intention, but as they have struck the fancy (or a friend's fancy). They have found their way onto the mantelpiece, the back of the desk, the bedside table and onto the walls. Like the special vocabulary of a family and like family jokes, they are the intimate residue of the passage of time, the accumulation of shared experiences, the reflections of change in taste—the symptoms of *nostalgia insidiosa* which are bound to permeate almost any really sympathetic household.

MUSEUM PIECE

Clutter, for it amounts to that, cannot be simulated, though I've seen it tried. I spent a month about ten years ago in a rented house in Vermont, a late eighteenth-century brick farmhouse which had been rather lavishly remodeled in 1929. Its owners had used it for only one summer, then disaster befell them, and it had been closed for nearly eight years before we moved in. It was a perfectly appointed house, everything for convenience, everything

in keeping with its character. It was furnished throughout with early American pieces of excellent quality, chosen with discerning taste. There were hobnail glass vases, pewter on the mantelpieces—precisely what one would expect. But it had obviously not been collected, it had been bought all at once to fit a blueprint. It was a house that had, to all intents, never been lived in by people. It was more impersonal than a museum; not even the ghosts of personalities were left behind.

And it is, after all, the personality of any house far more than the style of its architecture or period of its decoration that makes it agreeable. In the pleasantest as well as the most tawdry households in America there is an almost equally incongruous lot of furniture, pictures, miscellaneous and unexplainable objects. Some achieve great elegance. Others have no particular distinction except that most valuable distinction of all—the undeniable sense of a pleasant place to be. It is nearly a truism that if you like a person you also like the place in which he lives, for the personalities of the friend and the friend's house are almost interchangeable. It is only when one encounters someone trying to create throughout his surroundings a personality that is obviously not his own that one has the uneasy feeling of being duped.

Good places to live in develop slowly and, like faces, they reflect what lies behind them. It is obvious enough that given precisely the same furniture and duplicate houses (unfortunately an all too frequent thing in America) totally different personalities will emerge. One family will express its gaiety, another its stuffiness, and still another its inherent taste and sense of style. But the chances are that where comfort has been put ahead of consistency, and imagination coupled with taste has been allowed to run circles around the rules of decoration, the results are amiable, handsome and extremely pleasant to live with.

It is unfortunate that most aspiring home builders have a notion that a modern house is a way of life. There is no reason to throw out the Louis XV sofa, give Uncle Russell's portrait to brother George, or sell the Oriental rugs just because light streams into the living room through a long glass wall. You wouldn't burn down a traditional house because you happened to own modern furniture, would you? A really well designed and well made piece of furniture is handsome anywhere that there is adequate room for it. An entertaining portrait is just as entertaining against a smooth unbroken wall as it is against a piece of damask or set in a rosewood panel. The modern house, like the furniture that goes into it, whatever period it may be, is merely a manifestation of man's changing taste and an expression of the age in which it is created. So, of course, is the traditional house. Only when taste becomes frozen is it time to raise the roof, both figuratively and literally, and let the fresh air of individuality come blowing in.

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Decorating a Colonial home contains notes on the Colonial era, photographs of room settings, sketches of Cushman furniture pieces and advice on achieving the "decorator touch" with antique ivory walls, gay chintzes, copper and pewter accessories, recessed shelves, hooked rugs. There are sketches of many accessories, and photographs show how they contribute to the atmosphere in rooms. Excellent notes will help you with furniture buying and furniture care. Eight Colonial group-

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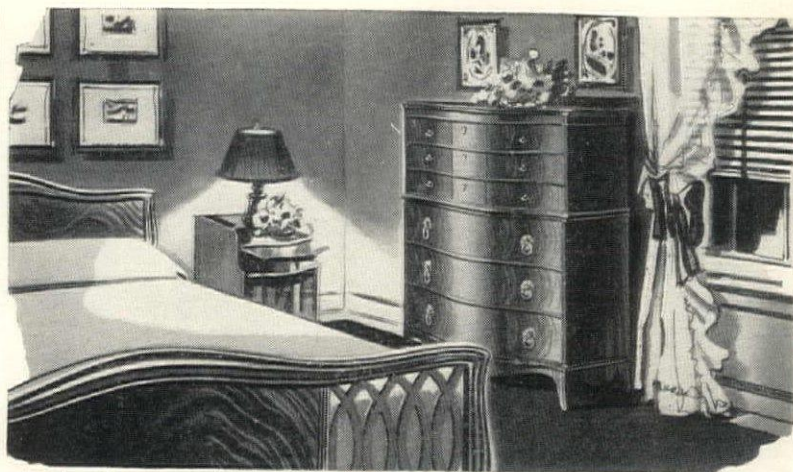
Basements, dry and beautiful, can be a reality with Medusa products. A new booklet describes how to eliminate dampness and put color into walls and floors. The products—Medusa Rubber Base Coating and Medusa Paints—team up to aid you in making your basement one of the most livable rooms in your house. Medusa Products Div. of Medusa Portland Cement Company, HG 2, 1000 Midland Building, Cleveland, Ohio.

Concrete Basements are the subject of a brand new booklet. Diagrams and text indicate the method of laying out the foundation, excavation, footings, requirements for basement walls, drainage provisions, forms for cast-in-place concrete walls, mixing and placing of quality concrete, finishes, etc. An excellent set of tables shows how to estimate the quantities of materials required for constructing concrete basements. Portland Cement Association, 33 West Grand Avenue, Chicago 10, Ill.

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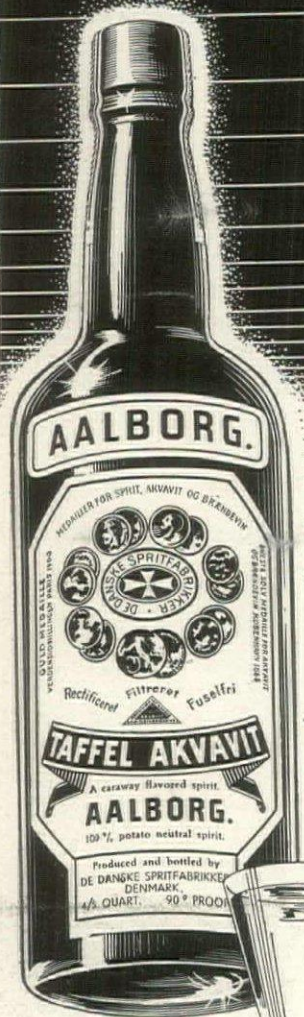
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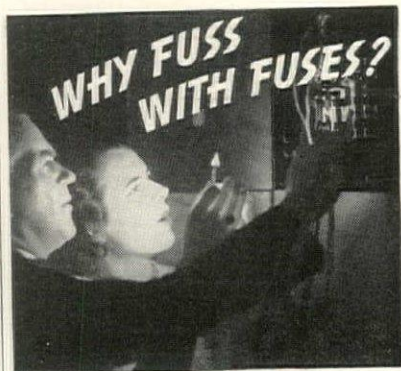
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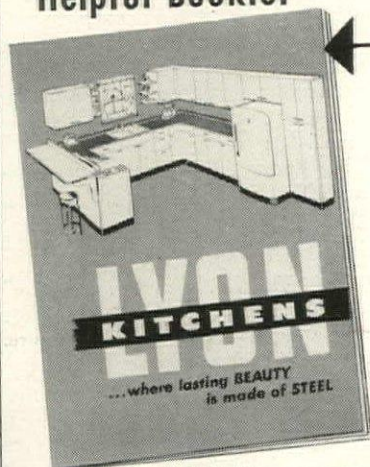
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is well to reinforce the soil mixture with a pint of camellia plant food to each bushel of thoroughly mixed soil. (Your nursery can order this for you.)

PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Correct planting calls for attention to a few details. Small, young camellias can be transplanted with bare roots but plants of size will either have been grown in containers (pots or cans) or in open ground. In the latter case they are dug with a ball of earth and this is held in place with burlap—B & B plants. Holes of liberal size are necessary and should be large enough to accommodate the ball of earth in which the roots are contained, together with a goodly amount of the prepared soil around it. For smaller plants, a foot wider and six inches deeper than the size of the ball is about right; for larger ones the holes must be increased proportionately. First fill the bottom of the hole with soil to bring the top of the ball a little above the surrounding earth, and pack well. Uppermost roots must be right up at the level of the surface. Set the ball in place and fill in around it with soil. Plants need to be set firmly but not packed unduly tight. When the hole is three-quarters full of earth, fill to the top with water and allow it to sink. This will help to fill any spaces that may have been left and to supply needed moisture. Fill the remainder of the hole with soil and finish off with a basin made on top of the ground to

hold additional water given from time to time. Syringe or sprinkle the tops and cover the surface around the plant with a mulch of leaves or peat. Planting is usually done in the winter months. For a year or so after setting a new plant, extra attention to watering and syringing is necessary.

Good plants, properly set, need a minimum of care after they are established. Syringing is particularly beneficial during hot weather and dry periods which call for additional watering. Water used should be neutral or slightly acid. If it is hard (alkaline), apply aluminum sulphate. This is an acid-reacting fertilizer that can be sprinkled on the ground in solution; use it at the rate of four ounces to a square yard. Commercial camellia plant food may be used to advantage, but as an over-supply can be injurious, it should be handled with discretion.

Camellias are excellent greenhouse plants that may reach even greater perfection indoors than in gardens. With light, temperature, moisture and humidity under control, flowers of high quality can be produced. For this reason camellias often are grown in greenhouses in areas where they are not adapted for outdoor growing. In a greenhouse they may be planted in the ground, where to a certain extent the details of handling them are not different from those followed in gardens; or they may be kept in pots or tubs. Soil
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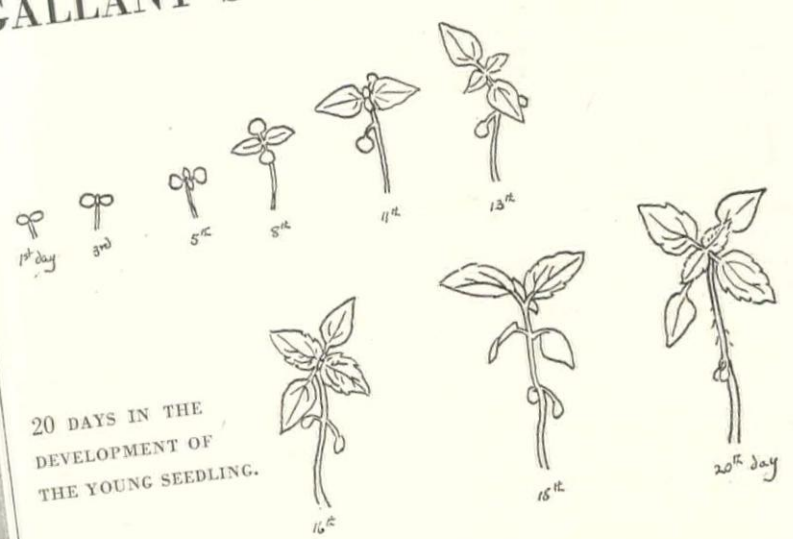


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20 DAYS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE YOUNG SEEDLING.

I had learned, for instance, that our more important plants were called angiosperms, which are divided up into two main classes: those which only fly one little flag when they first appear, and those which fly two.

Plant dictionaries had let me know that a philodendron was a monocotyledon, that is, one of the species that only presented one leaf on its first appearance. So the stranger could not be a philodendron since its two small leaves proclaimed it as a dicotyledon.

What on earth was it then?

Since I had discovered a lot about philodendrons by making almost daily drawings of the growing tip of one of them, I decided that I could learn about the newcomer by drawing it as it grew.

Two days later I noticed two little green tips had appeared between the original leaves. They looked like tiny wedges that might pry the original leaves apart. Within three days they had done their dividing work. The original round-lobed leaves were separated and the wedges had become leaves on their own behalf. And they were a different shape from the first couple. They weren't round and short. They were pointed and gave evidence their length would exceed their breadth.

This did not surprise me. My botany book—Harry J. Fuller's excellent little 75-cent *Outline of General Botany* in the College Outline Series—had given me the information that the cotyledons of the plant—the leaves that are within the seed and that show above the ground first—are generally unlike leaves of the mature plant. It had also warned me that these first leaves soon dry up and die off.

So I did not think the seedling was dying when the small round leaves began to wilt. The new little pointed leaves were sufficiently healthy to still my apprehension. I observed these pointed leaves had smooth, unbroken edges, like the cotyledons. And in a day or two I noticed they, too, were going to be pried apart by a new pair of leaves. As the new wedges developed, I saw they grew at right angles to the leaves they were separating, just as the original wedges had grown at right angles to the seed leaves.

So I knew something more about my new plant. It had what the botanists call "opposite" leaves. Plant books had shown me that leaves of a plant always follow a regular pattern of growth. The new neighbor had twin leaves that grew from the same point directly across from each other.

Each new pair of leaves that appeared grew larger and projected higher than the pair before it. I noticed something about the second pair of wedges. They looked as if they were going to have notched edges. As they grew to be full leaves the saw-tooth margin was unmistakable. In other words, each new set of leaves took clearly the characteristic outline of a mature leaf.

Also, as the new leaves grew it was possible to see the way they grew in them. Here again there was a difference from the leaves of the philodendron. In the latter, the veins ran from the mid-rib to the margin in branching parallels. But in the new comer there were branching secondary veins as well as a main one down the center.

As the successive pairs of leaves appeared, the stalk of the plant thickened and grew sturdy.

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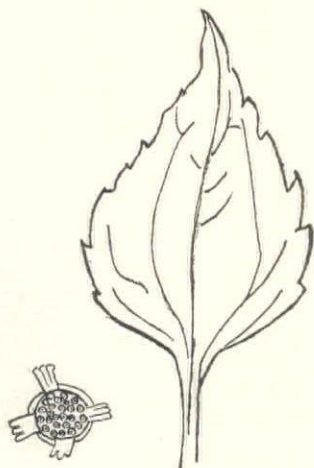
certain point the plant surprised me by beginning to spread like a three-branched candelabrum. Each branch began putting forth its own succession of opposite twin leaves.

Finally, something happened that had never happened with the philodendron—a flower appeared. It wasn't much of a flower. But what the botany books had said led me to accept it as a bloom.

First came the bud, a sort of small, hairy, green pod. Then the pod opened at the blunt tip. Four little notched white petals poked a short way beyond the lips and within the pod I could see a bunch of closely packed little yellow circles.

The books had told me that the real flowers of a daisy were the little ones crowded together in the head; that the showy white petals were mere appendages called rays. So I figured that the true flowers of this stranger were those little yellow circles. I also figured that, although its rays were stunted, ragged and irregular, the plant was a distant relative of the daisy.

Then I went on my vacation. I headed for Mexico and forgot the small, unknown plant that had made its uninvited appearance in my flower pot. When I got to the town of Huejotzingo, I found I would have to wait almost half-an-hour before the monastery I wanted to visit would be open. It was



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a fine warm day so I sat on the ground of the field outside the church. Having nothing to do, my eye wandered idly over the grass.

I almost leaped to my feet in astonishment. There, growing in abundance, was the plant that had grown in my pot. Having outdoor conditions and hot Mexican sun to nurture it, it was larger and sturdier, and the white rays of the

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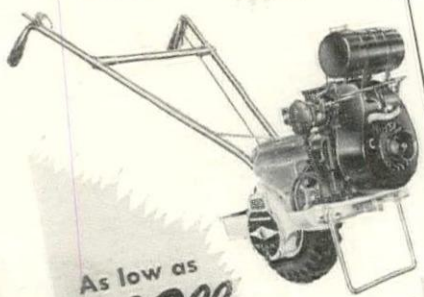
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flowers were a little more conspicuous, but it was unmistakably the same species as my own.

I resolved, then and there, that when I next went to the New York Botanical Garden I would take my drawings to E. J. Alexander so he could identify the plant for me.

Mr. Alexander gave the drawings a glance and handed them back to me. "Galinsoga," he said.

I said I had seen it in Mexico. "That's right," he said. "You would. It's a tropical weed."

He was amused that I had never noticed it before. Now it has spread all over the eastern United States. It has done so because it is one of the few tropical weeds that can survive a northern winter.

Elizabeth C. Hall, the librarian of the Garden, also a compendium of knowledge, said galinsoga was known in this country by the 1850's.

Many tropical plants have come here in odd ways. Seafaring men, for example, brought earth from the tropics as ballast for their ships. When they dumped the bags of earth, unknowingly, they left seeds of exotic flowers.

This particular weed, she said, had also been introduced to England. There was a record of botanists knowingly taking specimens of it from Peru to Kew Gardens in 1878. Apparently, it got "loose" from the Gardens and be-

gan growing in the neighborhood. During the Blitz of World War II, Londoners were surprised because two kinds of plants sprang, as if by magic, from the shell holes and ruins. One was a relative of the American fireweed. The other was galinsoga.

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I returned home with fresh awe at the ways of nature. I had meant only to provide a bed of earth for a slip of philodendron. That earth had been lying in a dark bag on an upper shelf for four months to my knowledge. I bought it. Yet because that almost infinitesimal seed, no one knew was there, carried the urge of life within it, that plant appeared, once the soil was brought into light and air, and moistened.

Perhaps there is also a moral in that seed. Should the time come when man has destroyed the last of his cities, his ragged children, scavenging among the desolation, are sure to find weeds among the ruins. Perhaps they will have opposite leaves and small hairy pods containing tiny yellow circles that the children will recognize as blooms.

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for planting in greenhouses and potting is the same as recommended for garden use. Good drainage in pots is a necessity. It is best to wet the ball of earth thoroughly at time of potting or repotting. Plant food should be given three times a year—spring, early summer and autumn—in small amounts. Liquid plant food made with an ounce of camellia plant food to a gallon of water can be used from time to time as found desirable. Careful attention to watering and syringing is essential and a high degree of humidity must be maintained by wetting the walks frequently. The finest flowers are secured at low temperatures, 40° to 45° at night and not over 50° to 55° during daylight. If the plants remain in the greenhouse during summer, ventilation and shade are needed to keep them in good condition. Plants grown in containers can be moved out-of-doors, placed beneath the shade of trees for the summer, and watered and syringed as needed. The ideal is to maintain even growing conditions. In autumn before injurious frosts come, return the plants to the greenhouse.

The question of varieties is a matter of personal choice because there are so many fine ones. For greenhouse culture, a select list would include Alba plena, Aunt Jetty (Governor Mouton), Daikagura, Debutante, Jarvis Red, Kumsaka, Hermine, Professor C. S. Sargent, Virgin's Blush, Mathotiana. *Camellia sasanqua* varieties are

autumn flowering and especially valuable for colder sections. In the Gulf Coast country, they finish blooming by Christmas. These will add to the beauty of any garden: Cleopatra, Gulf Glory, Hebe, Hinodegumo, Hiodoshi, Mine-no-yuki, Rosea, Showa-no-saka-e, Splendor. Dawn, often classed as a *Sasanqua*, is good and especially hardy.

For outdoor planting, there are literally hundreds of varieties from which to choose, single, semi-double, incomplete double and complete double, the last group being divided into four sections, imbricated, incomplete imbricated, tiered and irregular. By far the greatest number falls in the incomplete double group. To the varieties listed for greenhouse culture the following are added for the garden—Adolphe Audusson, Colletti, Donckelari, Elegans, Frau Minna Seidel, Haku-Tsuru, Imperator (French) Elegans, Fred Sander, Lady Clare, Magnoliaeflora, Mrs. K. Sawada, St. Elmo, Ville de Nantes, Woodville Red.

Much confusion in the names of varieties developed when propagation was started in recent years, from fine old specimens growing here and there in gardens of the South and West. This situation led to the formation of the American Camellia Society in September, 1945. As a result of its efforts, the trouble has been greatly reduced. The Society gives attention through its yearbook and quarterly bulletins to all phases of camellia culture.



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and *barraquiniana*, and the fine American-raised variety *Rudolph Roehrs*.

Somewhat resembling dieffenbachias but hailing from the tropics of the Old World rather than the New are the aglaonemas. *Aglaonema commutatum* has dark green leaves prettily variegated with lighter green. *Aglaonema oblongifolium curtisi* is stouter and shows a distinct pattern of silvery gray against the dark green of its leaves. *Aglaonema costatum*, one of the choicest treasures among foliage plants, is low-growing. Because it needs a moist atmosphere as well as a high temperature, it is best adapted for growing in a terrarium. Its lively green leaves are marked with distinct white mid-ribs and generous splatterings of white spots. These aglaonemas are natives of Malaya. Closely related is *Schismatoglottis roebelini*, a tropical foliage plant that is more tolerant of quite heavy shade than are most others.

Philodendron (derived from the Greek and meaning "loving trees") is the generic name of a group of magnificent tropical American aroids most of which have large heart-shaped or arrow-shaped leaves, sometimes lobed or cut at their margins, of leathery texture, and usually a rich green color. From their stems they produce aerial roots which cling tightly to tree stumps, bark and similar supports. Notable among this group are *Philodendron hastatum* with leaves shaped like giant arrow heads, *Philodendron sellowianum* (*dubium*) with leaves of the same gen-

eral size and outline but boldly lobed at their margins and *Philodendron mandonianum*, a splendid hybrid raised in New Jersey, that has reddish arrow-shaped leaves and red leaf stalks. Other fine philodendrons are *erubescens*, *imbe*, *lacerum*, *mamei*, *radiatum* and *sodioides*. All are well worth growing. This vast aroid family presents other unusual possibilities; anthuriums, alcasias and *Nepenthes* and the genus *Scindapsus* (*Pothos*) include some first-class trailing vines.

PINEAPPLE RELATIVES

The common pineapple is an earth-bound member of a tropical American family of plants that live mostly on trees after the manner of epiphytic orchids. Like orchids they thrive best when potted in firmly packed osmunda fiber (orchid peat) rather than in regular soil. Another cultural detail to remember is to fill with clean water the vase-like cups that the leaves form where they come together at their bases.

The bromels or bromeliads, as these pineapple relatives are called, are remarkable for the beauty and variety of their flowers but many also have highly decorative foliage. Among the latter, the cryptanthuses are low and colorful and are especially useful for growing in terrariums. Kinds such as *Aechmea orlandiana*, *Ananas comosus* and *A. portuensis*, *Guzmania musaica*, and *Nidularium striatum* are somewhat larger and are suited for growing in a

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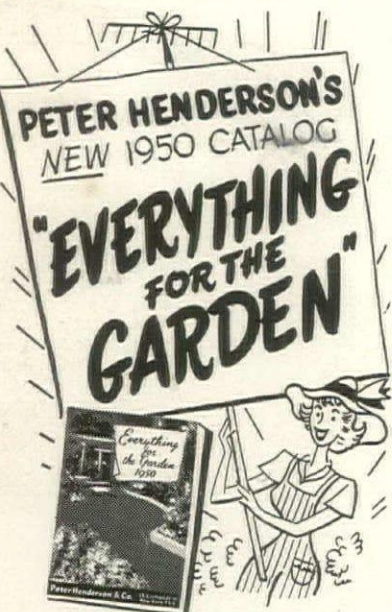
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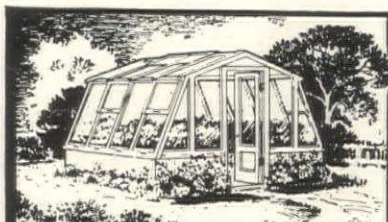
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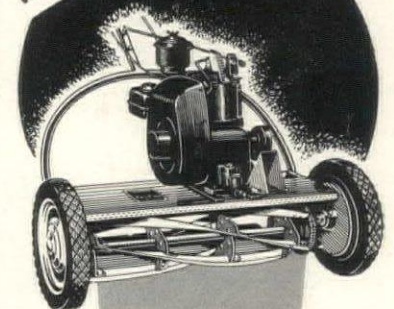
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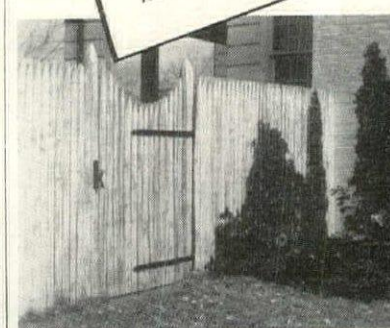
This list is long. But I have not the space to mention the many fine foliage begonias nor the succulent plants that properly belong among foliage plants. Most of these latter are very adaptable for sunny window gardens whereas the majority of the foliage plants here covered prefer at least light shade.

If you would like more information about foliage plants, write to HOUSE & GARDEN'S Reader Service.

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Each year lovers of gardens look forward to the annual spring pilgrimages and garden weeks sponsored by the various garden club groups. This year we have received word of the following:

GEORGIA

The Garden Club of Georgia is again sponsoring its Visiting Gardens program, for the first time since 1941. Georgia has a long gardening history. The first packet of cotton seed from the Far East was sown in an experimental garden in Savannah; from it, plants distributed among the plantations formed the basis for the upland cotton grown today. Here also was the first systematic cultivation of peaches. Athens claims the distinction of being the home of America's first garden club.

The dates for visiting gardens will vary according to the locality and the time of best bloom. Thomasville is the first, March 2 and 3, with headquarters at the Thomas Hotel. Atlanta is the latest, April 22, 29 and 30, with headquarters at the Atlanta Biltmore. Prices for tours range from a minimum of \$1 to a maximum of \$3 with 50c apiece for certain individual gardens plus a 25c additional fee if the house is visited. The proceeds will be used for charities, city beautification or the upkeep of old buildings and churches. Inquire at headquarters in each locality for complete details.

At Albany, gardens of W. C. Potter of New York and Winship Nunnally of Atlanta will be open on March 12, as well as many other houses and gardens in and near town. Headquarters, New Albany Hotel. At Athens, ante bellum, as well as several modern houses and gardens, and the University of Georgia campus, including its Founders' Memorial Garden (headquarters), will be shown on April 26. Atlanta's dates are April 22, 29 and 30, and include the garden of Mrs. Edgar Poe McBurney. In Augusta on March 25 and 26 (headquarters Sheraton Bon-Air Hotel), many large and small gardens will be open, including Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Battey's, famous for its camellias, azaleas and spring bulbs, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred M. Bourne's acres of formal azaleas, the Tudor tea house of Dr. and Mrs. V. P. Sydenstricker, in woods filled with azaleas and camellias, the old Thomas garden with its Italian cypress, boxwood and marble.

Near Sea Island the Garden Club of Georgia will hold its annual conven-

tion at Brunswick, March 31 to April 1. At Covington, seven houses all built between 1830 and 1857 will be open April 23. Gainesville, April 8 and 9, lists 10 gardens. Macon is April 15 and 16 and includes the birthplace of Sidney Lanier, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. McAfee. Eight houses in Madison will be open April 20. Both here and at Milledgeville (April 2) many of the houses retain their original furnishings. Rome (April 14) has both ante bellum and contemporary houses and gardens open.

Among Savannah places (March 15), the Wild Heron Plantation on the Little Ogeechee River is one of the most famous of the old rice plantations. Barnett House is a splendid example of the southern river-front house in a grove of live oaks and magnolias, while the Colonial Dames House has great historical interest.

Further details of Georgia's gardens may be obtained from Mrs. Owen Cheatham, chairman of the Visiting Gardens committee, Forest Hills, Augusta, Georgia.

LOUISIANA

The 1950 Spring Fiesta in New Orleans will be held April 9 to 15. Many tours and events. Tours will be each week in both the Vieux and the newer American sections. "Courtyards and Crinolines" will be given one afternoon each week. April 16 is the tour of Bayou Lafourche Plantation, and April 19, a night tour "Patios by Candlelight." Spring Fiesta Night at the opera will be April 20; Pirates' Alley Outdoor Art Show, April 22; the St. Tammany Home and Garden Tour, April 23. Receptions and other features will be staged throughout the program which concludes with the spectacular "Night in Old New Orleans." Additional details may be obtained from the New Orleans Spring Fiesta Association, 546 St. Peter Street, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.

Lafayette, La., holds an annual camellia show late in January and later an azalea trial. This spring it will also have the state flower show. Additional camellia shows are held in New Orleans and other cities and towns. Details may (Continued on page 138)



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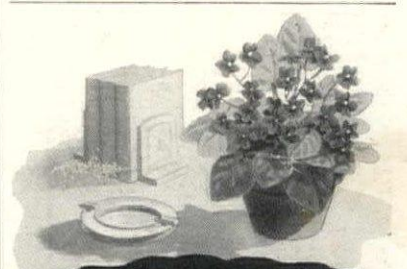
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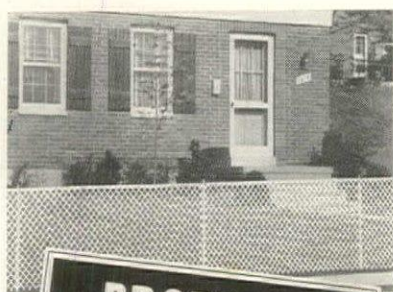
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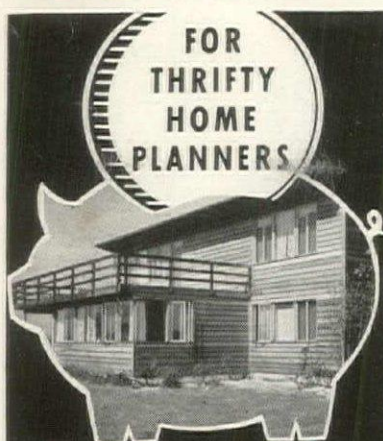
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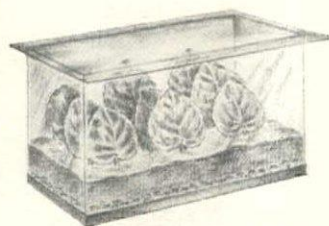
Location. East and north windows prove most satisfactory, although some enthusiasts grow violets in other locations, taking care to temper strong sunshine with a thin curtain. Since the strength of the light is affected by seasons and by trees and buildings, it is wise to judge the location by its effect on the plants. Sunshine promotes bloom, but too much turns foliage yellow and weakens growth. Light alone develops splendid foliage but few buds.

Temperature. A steady temperature of 70 to 72 degrees Fahrenheit is mercifully agreeable to saintpaulias. (The average overheated apartment is ideal, but not if it exceeds 80°.) The drop at night should not be more than 10 degrees.

Humidity. In its native habitat, humidity of 60 to 70 per cent prevails, so the saintpaulia is unlikely to keep in health in a humidity of 10 to 25 per cent, a not-too-uncommon winter condition in some houses and apartments. To promote humidity, I keep African violets (and other house plants, too) on pebble-filled trays or saucers with a constant supply of water below the level of the plant roots. As this excess moisture evaporates, a healthful aura of moisture-filled air surrounds each plant.

Watering. Saintpaulias may be watered from above or below, whichever is convenient, but the water must be room temperature or leaf spotting may occur. Pour as much in the saucer each morning as will be absorbed by early afternoon. If pebbles are used, pour in enough water to cover them and touch the base of the pot. Then note when the water is gone and add more as needed.

Soil and feeding. For rooting leaves, a light sandy humus type of soil or a half-and-half mixture of peat moss and vermiculite is excellent. As roots develop, a firmer mixture is necessary—two parts soil, two parts coarse leaf mold (don't sift out all the roughness) and one part sand combined with well rotted manure. After the first buds form, commercial plant foods may be used, the kind depending on the nature of the original soil. As a rule, bloom is promoted by fortnightly waterings with a weak solution of a complete plant food—allow only one teaspoonful to one quart of water. The first week you skip



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New Freedom Gas Kitchens is a plan book of kitchen sketches centered around appliances using gas. Suggested color schemes are listed for each. Plans feature extended work counters, combination kitchen-laundries, mixing corners and dining alcoves. Kitchens are scaled to size. 10c. American Gas Association, HG 2, 420 Lexington Ave., New York 17, New York.

"for the way we live today..." American Informal is the answer to a lot of modern dreams. This excellent book ranks high as an authority on modern furniture. Its pages show deeply upholstered chairs and sofas, the latter often circular, frequently in sections; dressing tables with partitioned drawers, pull-out shelves, compartments scaled to certain types of storage. 25c. Tomlinson of High Point, HG 2, High Point, North Carolina.

HEATING

"First Step" depicts an infant taking just that on the cover, but the text is an effective analysis of heating and plumbing. Four methods of radiator heating are described; there are diagrams of hand-fired or stoker-fired boilers, a section on automatic heating, gas and oil boilers, baseboard radiant panels, convectors, winter air conditioning. American Radiator & Standard Sanitary Corp., HG 1, Box 1226, Pittsburgh 30, Pennsylvania.

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Other cultural procedures which promote bloom include keeping foliage free of dust with a weekly warm-water syringing; removing some center leaves occasionally to keep growth open;

turning plants at windows so that light reaches all round; maintaining a fresh, buoyant atmosphere but avoiding draughts and any trace of gas; and, of course, insuring freedom from pest and disease. For health, three procedures seem essential: sterilized soil to prevent nematodes (you can steam soil in the pressure cooker or bake it in the oven or you can buy it, ready done); a mite-

detering spray program with a good insecticide; and a six-months' isolation period for new plants to prevent the infection of older plants in a treasured collection. Re-examine your treatment in view of this schedule.

Saintpaulias are easy to propagate. Leaf stems root in two to four weeks in water or soil. When new leaves appear and the plant can be handled, transfer the young plant to a pot or flat of soil. Ten to 14 weeks later, when the new colony is on its own, cut off the parent leaf. Flowers should appear in eight to nine months. Interestingly varied crops may be obtained in about the same time from seed (hundreds of plants come from one seed pod), while division of multiple-crowned saintpaulias offers another possibility. To develop a collection, it is a good idea to propagate generously one of the lovely varieties like the slow Du Pont Lavender Pink. Then you will have prized leaves for exchange.

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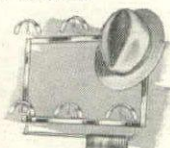
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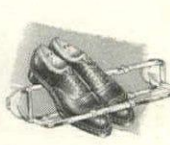
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MISSISSIPPI

At Natchez, one of the most famous of all garden pilgrimages is now co-sponsored by The Pilgrimage Garden Club and the Natchez Garden Club. This year's dates are March 4 through April 2, and six different tours are planned to 30 famous ante bellum houses. The styles range from the typical creole of "Bontura" in the section once reserved for the Spanish grantees, through the provincial architecture of "Hope Farm." Many variations of plantation houses will include the pure Greek Revival of "The Burn," "D'Evereux," "Melrose" and many others. The tour is timed for the best bloom of azaleas, camellias and other spring flowers.

Holly Springs is a lovely old southern town, settled in 1836, which opens its ante bellum houses this year from April 23 to 30. For full details, write: Mrs. J. B. Buchannan, Pilgrimage secretary, The Holly Springs Garden Club, Holly Springs, Miss.

Many other Mississippi houses and gardens are open during the spring blooming season. For complete information, write to Mrs. O. B. Loper, Garden Pilgrimage chairman for the Garden Clubs of Mississippi at Hattiesburg.

TEXAS

The Texas Flower Festival will be staged this year, February 22 and 23 in the McAllen and Donna Hidalgo Counties of the Rio Grande Valley. In March, the River Oaks Garden Club of Houston holds its azalea pilgrimage. Additional pilgrimage information may be obtained from the chairman, Mrs. Ben G. Oneal, 2201 Maramar St., Country Club Estates, Wichita Falls, Texas. Mrs. Oneal is also the source for detailed information on the Sixteenth Annual Home and Garden Pilgrimage

to Mexico City, to be held this year, February 11 to 21.

NORTH CAROLINA

Asheville gardens will be open to the public the first week in May. Write Mrs. M. S. Beachboard, 299 Midland Drive, Asheville, for complete details.

The annual camellia show of the Fayetteville Garden Club will be held March 9 and 10. Many other towns also hold camellia shows and open their gardens and houses to the public during the spring.

SOUTH CAROLINA

The famous gardens outside Charleston: Middleton, Cypress and Magnolia, are at their best in the winter months. (See HOUSE & GARDEN, January 1950). The annual camellia show in Charleston itself will be held January 28 and 29. A group of town houses built between 1712 and 1822, many of them with gardens, is open under the auspices of the Historic Charleston Foundation from whom details may be obtained, at 135 Church St., Charleston.

VIRGINIA

Historic Garden Week will be held this year April 22 to 29. The headquarters office is the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond 19, Virginia. All proceeds have been set aside to restore "certain yards and gardens" at the University of Virginia, according to Thomas Jefferson's original plan. (See page 122.)

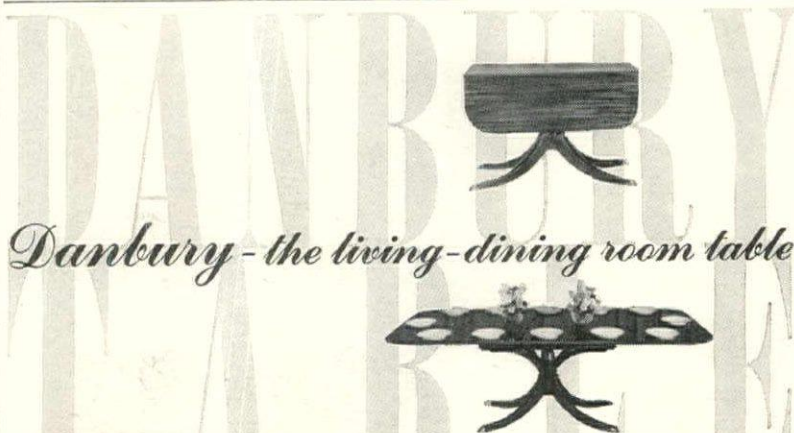
MASSACHUSETTS

The first annual Garden Week in Massachusetts was held last year under the auspices of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society. It will be repeated this year May 21 to 27. Seven tours are planned to the north, west and south of Boston. Details may be obtained from the chairman, Miss Mary May Binney, 300 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston 15, Massachusetts.

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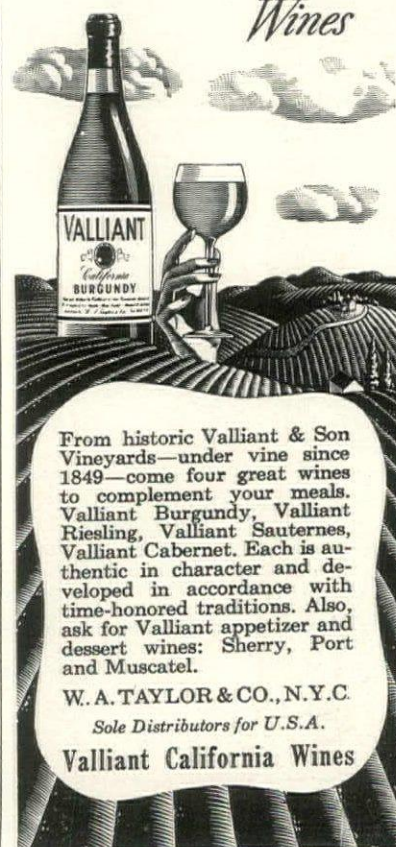
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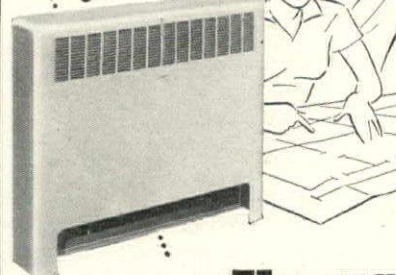
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Fill roaster with water; stir in vinegar mixture. Add 1 tablespoon whole cloves, 1 teaspoon allspice berries, ½ teaspoon peppercorns and 1 blade of mace. Place lid on roaster and bake in 350° oven, allowing 20 minutes per pound of ham—a tenderized ham will require 15 minutes per pound. (Count the time after the water boils.) When ham is cooked, let cool in broth. (Save broth, strain and cook with lentils or any dried bean soup.)

BAKED HAM FOR SMÖRGASBORD

Ham for smörgåsbord or the cocktail party is usually thinly sliced, therefore the more economical shoulder or picnic ham may be used. Scrub ham and soak in cold water overnight. Boil in herb broth. Cool in liquid. Remove to roaster, add 1 cup red wine vinegar and ½ cup water. Bake in 250° oven for 1 hour, basting frequently.

ENGLISH BAKED HAM

Cook ham as before. Remove skin. Mix 3 cups dried bread crumbs with 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese. Press firmly into fat. Bake at 275° for 1 hour, basting with fat which collects in the pan. Serve hot or cold. (The pre-cooked ham does not require boiling in the herb broth.)

MUSTARD SAUCE FOR HAM

Mix together: ¾ cup brown sugar, 1½ tablespoons flour and ½ cup dry mustard. Stir in 2 eggs well-beaten. Add ¾ cup cider vinegar and ¾ cup water in which 2 bouillon cubes have been

dissolved. Cook in double boiler until well thickened.

HAM BAKED WITH PEANUTS

Prepare ham by boiling in herb broth or use pre-cooked ham. Remove brown skin. Sprinkle liberally with white pepper. (White pepper, unlike the black, gives a subtle flavor of spice.) Coat ham with peanut butter softened with honey. Pour 2 cups white wine in pan. Cover and bake in 250° oven for 1 hour. (The slow baking allows the spice of the pepper to permeate the ham.) Remove cover the last 10 minutes and increase heat to 400° to brown the meat.

HAM STUFFED WITH PECANS

This is an excellent way to prepare the pre-cooked ham. Use the 6-8 pound shank end of the ham. Have the butcher remove the bone. (Save the bone for split pea soup.) For the pecan dressing: add 2 tablespoons butter to 1 cup diced celery. Cook slowly in covered pan for 15 minutes—do not brown. Crumble very fine or grate stale bread, to make 1½ cups. Add cooked celery with 1 cup chopped pecans. Season with ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon white pepper. Stuff bone cavity; pack firmly. Replace the meat and hold in shape with skewers or with string tied every two inches. Place in roaster with 1 cup sherry, ½ cup brandy and ½ cup raisins. Cover and bake in 275° oven for ½ hour, basting frequently. Remove lid. Coat ham with honey. As baking continues, coat with more honey. If the

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HAM WITH SPICE DRESSING

Prepare as above to the point when the celery and butter are removed from the stove. Grate 1½ cups bread crumbs and add 4 tablespoons sugar, and ½ teaspoon each of cloves, nutmeg, mustard, ginger and mace. Add celery and butter. Mix together and stuff ham cavity. Place in roaster and baste with 2 cups cider or white wine. Bake in 250° oven for 1 hour. (The ham may be coated with white pepper and peanut butter before baking.)

HAM MORSEL CANAPÉS

It is best to grind the small scraps from the ham all at once. Store in the refrigerator in a covered glass jar until ready for use.

Mix together 2 cups ground cooked ham (use some of the ham fat) 1 clove of garlic minced fine and ½ teaspoon dry mustard. Moisten with mayonnaise and season with white pepper. Make a double recipe of baking powder biscuit. Cut in rounds. Spread ham mixture over half of the round and fold. Pinch edges together. Bake in 450° oven for 15 minutes.

HAM CANAPÉS

Pound together in a mortar, 1 cup

cooked ham, 1 anchovy, 2 hard-boiled eggs and 1 tablespoon ham fat. Season with ¼ teaspoon mace, ⅛ teaspoon cayenne and ½ teaspoon dry mustard. Add mayonnaise to mix to a stiff paste. Fry squares of bread in butter. Spread with ham paste. Serve cold or browned under the broiler.

HAM ROLL CANAPÉS

Soak ¾ cup bread crumbs in ½ cup hot milk. Add 3 hard-boiled eggs, 2 tablespoons mushrooms browned in butter and 1 teaspoon onion—all chopped fine. Season with ½ teaspoon dry mustard and ¼ teaspoon pepper. Roll mixture inside thin slices of cooked ham and fasten with toothpicks. Wrap a strip of bacon around each roll. Broil and serve hot.

HAM, EGGS AND MUSHROOMS

Hard-boil 6 eggs. Cut in half, remove yolks and mash. Sauté 1 lb. mushrooms in butter (or use canned whole mushrooms). Chop fine ½ cupful and add to egg yolks. Season with salt and pepper. Stuff egg whites and place in baking dish with whole mushrooms in between. Cover with 2 cups cream sauce. Spread a layer of ground baked ham over the top. Sprinkle with buttered bread crumbs mixed with grated cheese. Bake in 350° oven 20 minutes. Serves 4-6.

HAM PIE

Beat 4 eggs with ¾ teaspoon salt. Stir (Continued on page 142)

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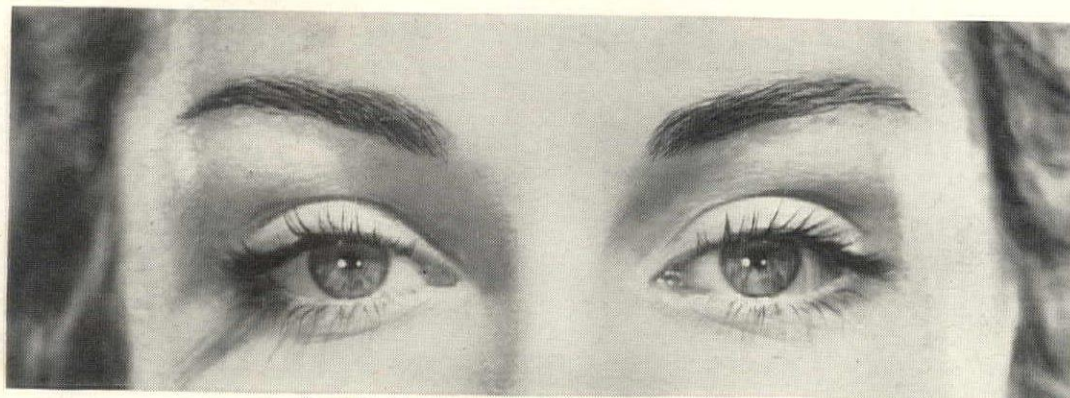
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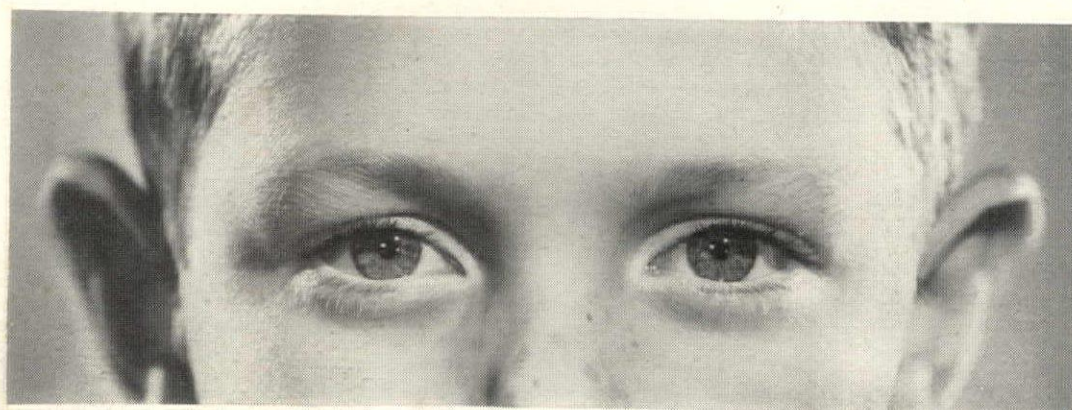
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in 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, 1 tablespoon chopped chives, a dash of cayenne and Tabasco. Heat 2 cups of cream to boiling. (1½ cups of light cream or top milk may be added to a small can of evaporated milk.) Stir hot cream slowly into egg mixture. Cover bottom of pre-baked pie crust with 1 cup ground ham mixed with 1 tablespoon of finely minced onion. Sprinkle 1 cup of freshly grated cheese over the top. Pour in the egg mixture and bake in 325° oven 45 minutes. Serves 4-6.

CORNMEAL-CHEESE SOUFFLÉ WITH HAM

Heat 2 cups milk to boiling. Sprinkle in ½ cup cornmeal. Stir until smooth. Add 1 tablespoon of ham drippings, ½ cup each of grated cheese and ground cooked ham. Cook until the consistency of mush. Season with ½ teaspoon salt and ¼ teaspoon paprika. Add 3 beaten egg yolks and stir until well blended. Cool. Fold in egg whites beaten stiff. Turn into greased baking dish. Bake in 350° oven for 25 minutes. Serves 4. If a larger number is to be served, make two casseroles. Do not double recipe.

HAM AND CHESTNUTS

Mix 2 cups shredded cooked ham and 2 cups boiled chestnuts. Place in casserole and cover with 2 cups cream sauce. Sprinkle with buttered bread crumbs. Bake in 350° oven for 20 minutes. Serves 4-6.

HAM WITH SUCCOTASH

Cut 1 cup ham in julienne strips, add 2 teaspoons minced onion and fry lightly in butter. Mix together 2 cups each of stewed corn and lima beans and 2 cups cream. Pour vegetable mixture into buttered casserole, top with ham mixture, and bake in 300° oven for 20 minutes. Serves 4-6.

SPLIT PEA SOUP

Soak 2 cups split peas overnight. Drain and add 2 quarts fresh water or 1 quart water and 1 quart herb broth from boiled ham. Chop 4 stalks celery, 2 carrots, 2 onions and add to peas. Season with ¼ teaspoon thyme, 1 bay leaf and a dash of cayenne. Add the ham bone and any other scraps left from the baked ham. Let boil for 25 minutes. Reduce heat and simmer slowly until peas are soft. Strain, press vegetables through sieve and check for seasoning.

LENTIL SOUP

Soak 1 cup lentils overnight. Pour off water. Add 3 cups herb broth from ham and 1 cup water. Dice 1 large onion, ½ cup carrots, and ½ cup ham or use ham bone. Season with ¼ teaspoon nutmeg, ⅛ teaspoon pepper and 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce. Cook slowly for 2 hours until lentils are soft. Remove ham bone. Press through purée sieve. Blend 2 tablespoons flour with 2 cups milk and add to soup. Add 4 frankfurters sliced thin and boil for 10 minutes. Serves 6.

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